

# IS THE APA FORMAT REALLY A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?: APA BASICS EVERY NURSING STUDENT SHOULD KNOW

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**Objectives:** Provide students with the philosophy and requirements for effectively citing references using the American Psychological Association (APA) style. This is the style required by many of the departments for course papers and master's theses.

## Areas of Focus:

1. Why do we need a citation style?
2. Identifying and collecting pertinent information for the citation.
3. How to correctly cite various types of resources found in your research (i.e. books, chapters in books, articles, websites, etc.).
4. How to troubleshoot problems with page formatting, spacing and punctuation.

## Outcomes: By the end of the session, the student should be able to...

1. Recognize pertinent information for citing from various sources.
2. Correctly format references both in the text and on the Reference Page.
3. Appropriately format reference pages for papers and thesis.

## Recommended Readings:

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5<sup>th</sup> Ed.). Washington, DC: Author. [Library owns – BF76.7 P83 2001 – at Reference Center and on Reserve].

American Psychological Association. (2005). *Concise rules of APA style*. Washington DC: Author. [Library owns – BF76.7 C66 2005 – at Reference Center and on Reserve].

American Psychological Association. (2003). *Electronic references*. Retrieved June 17, 2005, from <http://apastyle.org/eleceref.html>