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INTRODUCTION

APA Style is a set of guidelines for effective scholarly communication that helps writers present their ideas in a clear, precise, and inclusive manner. It is a widely used format in nursing for the preparation of manuscripts for publication as well as for writing student papers, dissertations, and theses. APA Style is described in the current edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, which is a reference book that contains comprehensive guidelines on how to set up a scholarly paper; format a title page, tables, figures, and other paper elements; create references and in-text citations; and write without bias, as well as on punctuation, grammar, and writing style. For more information, please see the [APA Style website](#).

POLICY:

The current edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* is a key resource (required or recommended) for all Undergraduate Nursing courses.

Students are expected to use APA Style when writing formal papers and citing sources.

When creating and updating assignments, explaining expectations to students, and providing feedback, faculty will refer to the guidelines outlined in procedure 419a to ensure consistency and leveling of APA expectations.

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