**Research Analysis and Application Assignment**

**APA Related FAQs**

1. **How many levels of heading should I use?**

For this paper, **one** possibly **two** levels of heading in APA style are recommended. You may choose to use more if you want, but typically 1-2 levels of heading will be sufficient for this type and length of paper to maintain clarity and organization.

1. **Do I need to do an in-text citation for each paragraph?**

Because this is an analysis of one article, the nursing faculty team has decided that you do **NOT** need to cite the author every time a new paragraph starts. You should cite at the beginning of your paper and add a few in-text citations where appropriate.

Note: This only applies to this analysis paper of a single source. It probably will change for future assignments if you need to incorporate multiple sources into your writing.

1. **Do I need to find and add a DOI for the journal *MEDSURG Nursing* article?**

As of 5/6/2020, *MEDSURG Nursing* articles do **NOT** have DOIs. The reference entry should **end with the page numbers.**

Note: This may change in the future. More and more journals are assigning DOIs. If the database does not provide a DOI, search crossref.org with the article title to double check. Also look at the PDF full text of the article to see if the DOI is printed there.

1. **I copied the APA citation from EBSCO, shouldn’t it be correct?**

Always **double check** the citation because the quality of computer generated citation depends on the data that was put into the database.

* The title of the journal article should be sentence case. The first letter and only the first letter of the subtitle should be capitalized.
* Journal title and volume should be italicized.
* The issue number of the journal should NOT be italicized.
* The page numbers may be incomplete. Check the PDF.
* Note for future: For articles when there is a DOI, if you did the search from home, EBSCO generated citation will show a URL starting with https://libaccess.columbiabasin.edu...

Example: <https://libaccess.columbiabasin.edu:2371/10.5195/jmla.2020.665> (wrong DOI link)

This link only works for people with a CBC login. According to APA guidelines, you should change it to

<https://doi.org/10.5195/jmla.2020.665>

(Correct DOI link. Remember to test the link to make sure it is not broken.)

1. **What fonts can I use?**

12-point Times New Roman, 11-point Calibri, 11-point Arial, etc.

See list at <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/paper-format/font>

1. **How do I create a secondary citation?**

Example: One previous study investigated the problem of … and found that a large percentage of ….(Kvas & Seljak, 2014, as cited in Casey, 2019). See <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/citations/secondary-sources>