

APA Style Guide for Nursing Assignments



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Why use APA style?

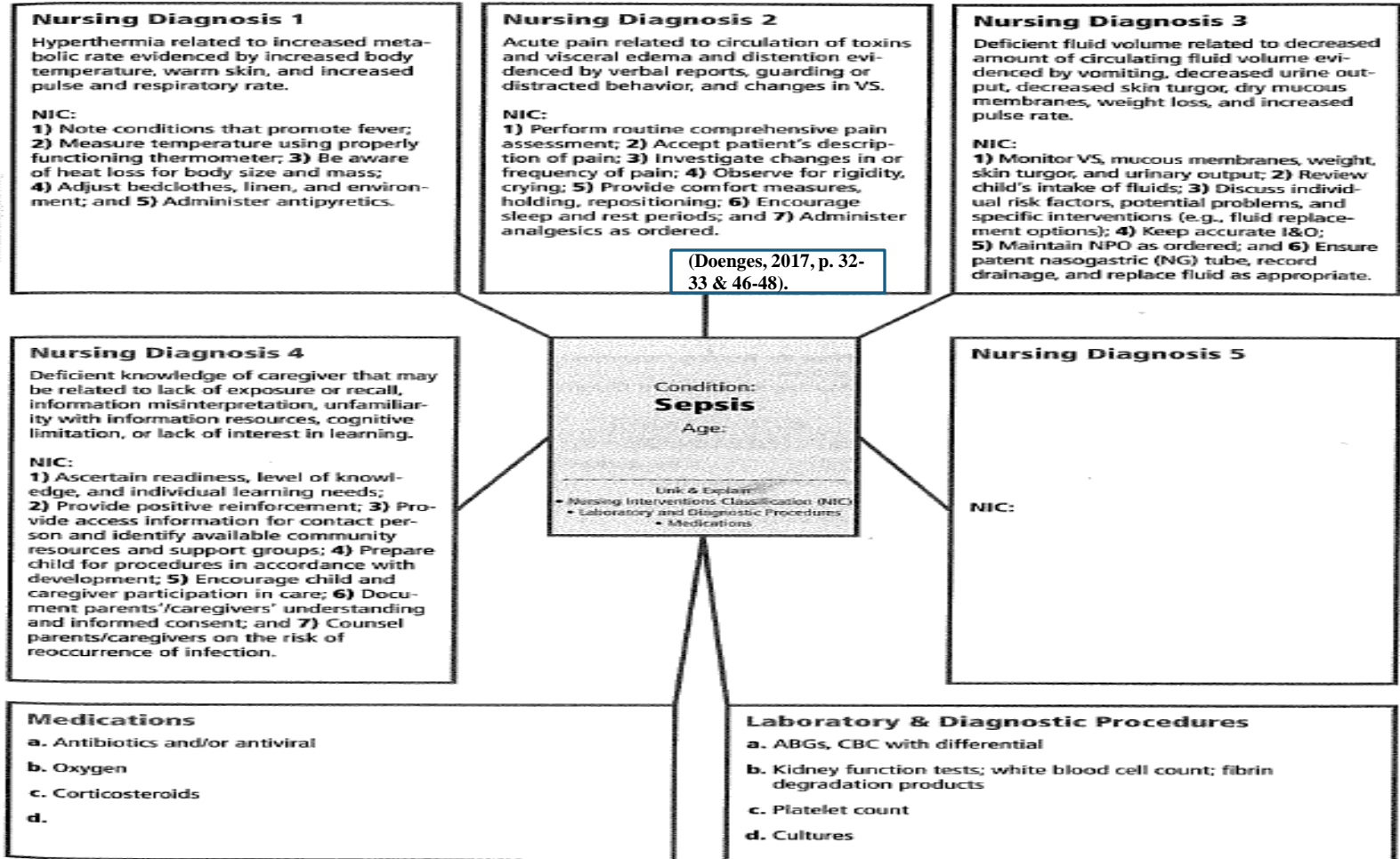
- * Credits the originator of ideas, words, and works you use in your research
- * The APA style reference list allows the sources used in a research paper or in preparing a care plan to be traced and verified
- * Using APA style citation keeps work consistent in its presentation making it clear and easily understood
- * APA style helps to prevent plagiarism

Citing your source in your care plan

You should add page numbers to your citation like this (Doenges, 2017, p. 32-33).

Nursing Care Plan Evaluation	Nursing diagnosis	Goals	Interventions	Interventions continued	Rationales	Evaluation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NANDA TERMINOLOGY ONLY • Etiology is relevant & not another nursing diagnosis • If etiology is a medical diagnosis, was that the most effective wording • SUBJECTIVE DATA • Relevant & timely & quoted from patient • OBJECTIVE DATA • Assessment includes vital signs physical examinations findings, age, gender, current surgical problems, interventions as appropriate, timely & relevant. • Diagnostic tests & procedures as relevant & appropriate • Chart data include meds 	<p>LONG TERM GOALS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant to diagnosis if yes then: • Specific • Measurable • Achievable • Realistic • Has a specific time frame • Start with "the patient will" <p>SHORT TERM GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant to diagnosis, if yes then: • Specific • Measurable • Achievable • Realistic • Has a specific time frame • Start with "the patient will" 	<p>REASSESSMENT CRITERIA: The reassessment should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relate to measuring achievement of the goals, if yes then: • Relate to objective data • Specify exactly what will be assessed and by what method (unless obvious) • Specify how often? <p>INDEPENDENT ACTIONS NEED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relate to the etiology portion of diagnosis, if yes then: • Interventions will start with "the nurse will" • Specify who will perform the action • Specify when it should be performed • Specify how or by what method <p>DEPENDENT ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relate to the Etiology portion of diagnosis if yes then: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions will start with "the nurse will" • Specify who will perform the action • Specify when it should be performed • Specify how or by what method • (Ackley, Ladwig & Makic, 2017 p. 55-60) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationales are relevant to patient's condition and the selected interventions. If yes then: • Give specific textbook and page number for each intervention (Doenges, 2017, p. 32-33 & 46-48). • Attach a reference page with complete APA style citation for all books used in the care plan. 	<p>EVALUATION OF INTERVENTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluates each intervention relating it to the rationale and is relevant to the topic, if yes then: • Begins each statement with a "charting" comment stating : • Who did what, • When • The patients responses to the intervention (was it effective). • How student knows it was effective • Actual values when appropriate <p>Summary evaluation of goals: Summary statement of each goal stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the goal achieved • When was it achieved • Evidence of achievement • Date of evaluation <p>FORMAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lines up and numbers each intervention rationale, & evaluation. • Typewritten on appropriate form

Your care plan might look more like this, cite the books inside the box with your interventions and rationales



Reference page example

References

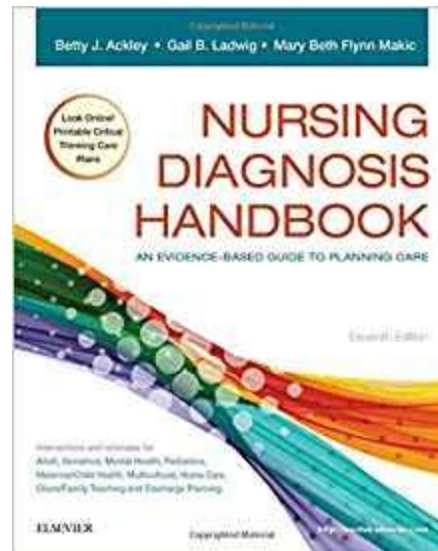
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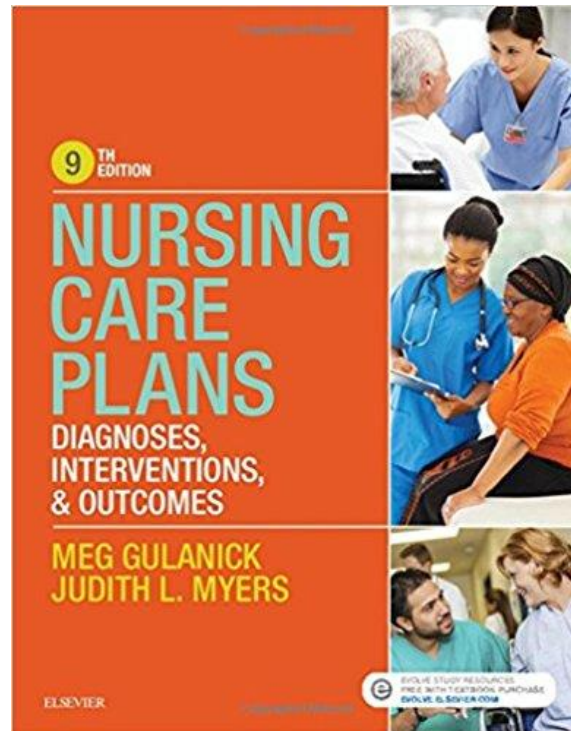
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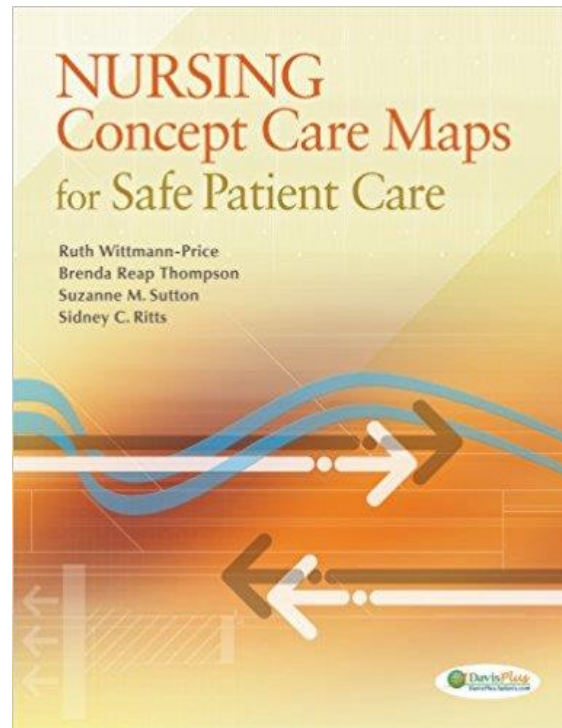


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Breaking it down APA style

Author

Date

Book title

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Place of publication Publisher

Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier.

Annotated Bibliography example

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The seven metaphors helped women express what they could not completely capture using only medical jargon and provide valuable insight for clinicians. Using secondary qualitative data analysis to mine for any metaphors in a primary data set gives researchers another valuable and creative opportunity to discover new knowledge from the data they had previously collected.

APA style papers and annotated bibliography essentials

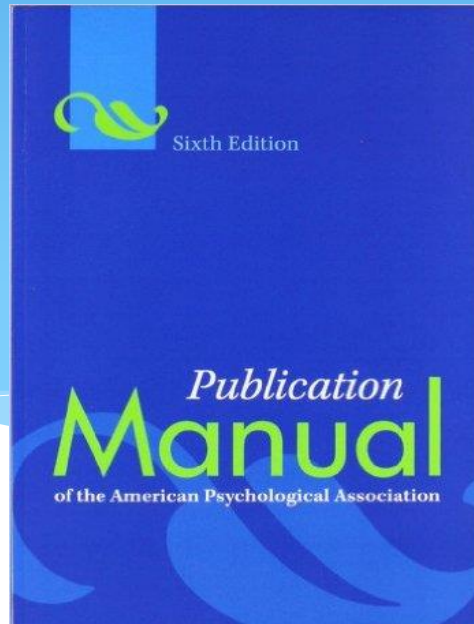
- * Citation should have a hanging indent of half an inch. (approx 6 spaces)
- * Double space everything
- * 12 point Times New Roman font
- * *Italicize* book title *Nursing concept care maps for safe patient care* and capitalize only first word of the title and the first word of a subtitle after a colon:
- * **No bolding**, NO ALL CAPS, no underlining
- * List of sources is called “References” centered above citation/s

Capitalize first letter of each word of a journal i.e. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing* and also italicize.

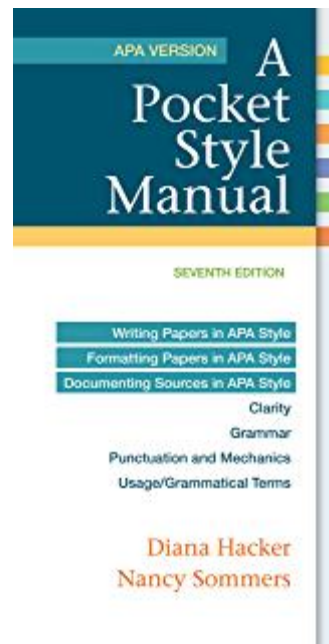
Example of journal article

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“The *Publication of the American Psychological Association*” 6th ed., is the “bible” for all things APA, and if you are the type of person who likes to “go deep” then we have copies of that book for loan in the library.



Diana Hacker's pocket style manual is a good alternative to the full APA book.



References

- * American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.
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