



# Writing in the Discipline: Nursing

## Tips for Nursing Students & Writing Consultants

Although each assignment will have its own expectations and requirements, the following guidelines have been developed in collaboration with the Nursing faculty. For any outstanding questions or uncertainty, always check with your professor.

- **Use APA format**
  - Formatting requirements
    - Cover page in following order:
      - Title
      - Student name
      - School name
      - Course instructor name
      - Due date
    - Page number
    - No running head required
  - In-text citations: if direct quote (Author, year, page number); if paraphrase and not a direct quote (Author, year). Single author vs. multiple (when to use et al.)
  - References: page formatting and full citation formatting
  - Times New Roman or Calibri (choose one and use it consistently) in 12 point font
  - Double-spaced
  - Avoid the use of contractions
  - How to use abbreviations (need to define first and then can use)
  
- **Avoid the first person**
  - Unless you have been otherwise instructed.
  
- **3-part Nursing Diagnosis**
  - Many nursing student papers require that students formulate 3-part nursing diagnosis statements. The diagnosis should be according to the following format:
    - Example: diagnosis related to (pathophysiologic issue: not a medical diagnosis) as evidenced by (assessment finding)