

Annotated Bibliography

Description of the Activity

The Annotated Bibliography activity in this course is an opportunity for you to further develop your understanding of research in nursing. It builds on the basic introduction to the research content you received previously...now you will be exploring nursing literature.

You will practice reporting and critiquing a research article. You are to select a research article based on your PICO question developed in class. You will locate and retrieve **one peer-reviewed research article** from the literature about the topic. The article needs to be current, preferably within the last 7 years. Preferably the article would include one nursing author.

Please use the following guidelines to prepare your annotated bibliography:

A. Overall Format

- (a) One page limit; typed, single-spaced, with double space between sections.
- (b) Use 12 point font; one inch margins.
- (c) Appropriate grammar and spelling.

B. Sections:

- (a) Cite the research article at the top of the page using proper APA format.
- (b) A paragraph description of the research including: the problem identification, purpose of research, type of research design, sample method and description, data collection instrument(s) and procedure, and findings. Please keep this summary half a page in length.
- (c) A paragraph discussing the strengths and limitations of the research (e.g., Is the problem clearly presented? Was the purpose easily identifiable? What were the strengths/limits of the research design, sampling, and data collection procedure? To what extent was instrument reliability and validity reported? Is the research article understandable, organized, and easy to get through? How might this research be generalized for application to nursing? What limits its generalizability?)

C. Submit your annotated bibliography to the Canvas assignment.

Annotated Bibliography Rubric

| CATEGORY | Exemplary | Good | Inadequate |
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| Citation | APA format is used and all required information is included in the citation such as author, date, title, journal title, volume, and page number and if it was an electronic copy. (4) | One piece of information is missing from the citation or one APA violation. (2-3) | Two or more pieces of information are missing from the citation or two or more APA violations (0-2) |
| Summary | All aspects of summary included in concise manner such as problem, purpose, design, sampling method and descriptive information, data collection, and findings. (15-16) | One or two aspects of summary missing in paper. (10-14) | Three or more aspects of summary missing in paper. (5-9) |
| Discussion | All aspects of the study related to strengths and limitations are to be discussed such as: design, sample, instruments, organization, and how the research can be applicable to nursing and be generalized. (15-16). | One or two aspects of strengths and limits missing in paper. (10-14) | Three or more aspects of strengths and limits missing in paper. (5-9). |
| Formatting | Formatting specifications are followed. including one page limit, single-spaced, 12 point font, and one inch margins. Appropriate grammar and spelling are used. (4) | One violation of formatting specifications. (2-3) | Two or more violations of formatting specifications. (0-2) |

