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APA Citation Style (6th edition)

There are two major reasons you are required to cite your sources when doing an assignment for class:

1. To give credit for words or ideas belonging to another author. Failure to do this is **plagiarism** and can result in a failing grade and other negative consequences.
2. So that your instructor can verify your work. Your instructor should be able to take your citation and easily find the source you used. **It is important that your citations be accurate.**

The **APA Format** is one way of properly citing your sources. Ask your instructor which citation style you are required to use. APA references consist of two parts:

1. A **References** list (the bibliography)
2. In-text citations within the body of your paper or report

For a complete guide to APA, consult the **Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association** (6th ed.), available in the library (BF 76.7 P83 2010).

The following guide has examples for the most common types of sources you will use. If you have questions, ask for help in the library, or contact a VCC librarian:

<http://library.vcc.ca/contact-us/phone--email--key-contacts/>

Basic Rules:

- The References list appears at the end of your paper, with references in **alphabetical** order, by the last name of the first author (or corporate author).
- **Double-space** the entire paper, including your references list, and do not add an extra space between references.
- Second and all subsequent lines of your references are indented 5-7 spaces. This is called a **hanging indent**.
- If more than one city is listed as a place of publication, cite the first one listed.

Additional Resources on APA Style

There are many excellent guides available online for APA style: Just Google “apa style guide.” The guide from the Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University is considered the best (except for ours, of course):

- <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

In-Text Citations (In the body of your paper):

APA requires that you cite direct quotations in the text differently than when you paraphrase.

Provide the author **last name**, followed by a comma, and then the **year** for both direct quotes and paraphrases. Include the **page number** when citing direct quotes. For electronic sources (like websites) without page numbers, cite the **paragraph number** or a short form of the section heading.

	Quoting	Paraphrase
1-2 Author(s)	(Donald, 2002, p. 137) (Semple & McCance, 2010, pp. 111-112)	(Donald, 2002) (Semple & McCance, 2010)
3 to 5 Authors	First Citation (Greenberg, Armitage & Shiboski, 2008, p. 458) Subsequent Citations (Greenberg et al., 2008, pp. 453-454)	First Citation (Greenberg, Armitage & Shiboski, 2008) Subsequent Citations (Greenberg et al., 2008)
6 or More Authors	(Fauci et al., 2008, p. 45)	(Fauci et al., 2008)
Organization/ Group Author	(American Medical Association, 1990, pp. 23-24)	(American Medical Association, 1990)
No Author – Use Title	“Push to keep and attract nurses,” 2001, A4)	“Push to keep and attract nurses,” 2001)
Electronic Sources Without Page Numbers	(United Nations Development Programme, 2008, para. 5) (Lee, 2007, Conclusion section, para. 2)	(United Nations Development Programme, 2008) (Lee, 2007)
Citing Indirect Sources	An indirect source is when one author is quoted in the text of another author. For indirect quotations, use “as cited in” to say where you found the quotation. Use only when you can’t access the original source.	
	Cruikshank argues that “memory continuously adapts received traditions to present circumstances” (as cited in Graveline, 1998, p. 64).	Cruikshank argues that traditional knowledge passed on through stories maintain cultural identity (as cited in Graveline, 1998).

Reference list entries (At the end of your paper):

Books (Print and Electronic)

Basic Format:

Author Last Name, Initial(s). (Date of publication). *Title of book: Subtitle*
(Edition if not first). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Multiple Authors

Cite authors the same way for all types of resources: articles, websites, videos, etc. List up to the first **7** authors/editors. For works with **8 or more** authors, list the first **6** names, followed by an ellipse (...), followed by the last author's name.

One Author or Editor

Donald, J. G. (2002). *Learning to think: Disciplinary perspectives*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Nelson, A. L. (Ed.). (2006). *Safe patient handling and movement: A guide for nurses and other health care providers*. New York: Springer.

Two to Seven Authors/Editors

Potter, P. A., Perry, A. G., Ross-Kerr, J. C., Wood, M. J., Astle, B. J., & Duggleby, W. (Eds.). (2014). *Canadian fundamentals of nursing* (5th ed.). Toronto: Elsevier Canada.

More than Seven Authors/Editors

Fauci, A. S., Braunwald, E., Kasper, D. L., Hauser, S. L., Longo, D. L., Jameson, J. L., ... Loscalzo, J. (Eds.). (2008). *Harrison's principles of internal medicine* (17th ed.). New York: McGraw Hill.

Organization/Group as Author

American Medical Association. (1990). *The American Medical Association handbook of first aid and emergency care*. New York: Random House.

No Author/Editor

Nurse's handbook of alternative and complementary therapies. (1999). Springhouse, PA: Springhouse Corp.

Chapter of a Book

Martens, K. (2001). The joy of belly dancing. In C. Shields & M. Anderson (Eds.), *Dropped threads: What we aren't told* (pp. 299-307). Toronto: Vintage Canada.

Petrunka, P. (2010). The Canadian health care system. In P. A. Potter, A. G. Perry, J. C. Ross-Kerr, & M. J. Wood (Eds.), *Canadian fundamentals of nursing* (4th ed.) (pp. 14-27). Toronto: Elsevier Canada.

eBook

For electronic books, replace the publisher and place of publication with the URL. Include the name of the eBook provider in square brackets directly after the title.
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Grivetti, L., & Shapiro, H-Y. (Eds.). (2009). *Chocolate: History, culture, and heritage* [Netlibrary version]. Retrieved from <http://cclsw2.vcc.ca:2048/login?url=http://www.netLibrary.com/urlapi.asp?action=summary&v=1&bookid=273301>

Chapter in an eBook

Holtzclaw, B. J. (2007). Dengue fever. In F. R. Lashley & J. D. Durham (Eds.), *Emerging infectious diseases: Trends and issues* (2nd ed.) [Netlibrary version], (pp. 123-132). Retrieved from <http://cclsw2.vcc.ca:2048/login?url=http://www.netLibrary.com/urlapi.asp?action=summary&v=1&bookid=194796>

Government Document (Online or Print)

Government documents often have a catalogue or report number. Include that number in the citation in parentheses directly after the title. Replace the publisher and place of publication with the URL for online items.
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Canada. Department of Justice. (2005). *A brave new world: Where biotechnology and human rights intersect* (Cat. No. Iu199-6/2005E). Retrieved from http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection/Iu199-6-2005E_Biotech_Intro.pdf

Health Canada. (2003). *Arthritis in Canada: An ongoing challenge* (Cat. No. H39-4/14-2003E). Ottawa: Health Canada.

Articles from Magazines, Journals & Newspapers:

Basic Format:

Author Last Name, Initial(s). (Date of publication). Title of article: Subtitle.

Name of Periodical, volume number(issue number), pages.

Note: Cite multiple authors or organizations as authors as you would with books.

- Include the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) in the citation whenever it is listed for an article (see sidebox).
- For articles retrieved in an online database (without a DOI), cite it exactly as you would a print article. You do not have to provide the name of the database or a link unless requested by your instructor.
- For articles retrieved directly from the website of a journal or newspaper (without a DOI), include a link to the homepage (e.g. <http://macleans.ca/>), not the specific article.
- Do not put periods at the end of any URL or DOI.

What is a DOI?

DOI stands for “Digital Object Identifier.” They are an attempt to provide a long-term link to online articles. Many publishers and some databases now attach DOIs to every article they publish. **APA** requires the DOI be included whenever it is available.

Print Article

Greenberg, K. V., Armitage, G. C., & Shiboski, C. H. (2008). Gingival

enlargement among renal transplant recipients in the era of new-generation

immunosuppressants. *Journal of Periodontology*, 79(3), 453-460.

Nolen, S. (2008, September 9). South Africa’s Mbeki falls victim to the stealthy politics

he pioneered. *The Globe and Mail*, pp. A1, A12.

Note: For continuous pages, use a dash to note the page range (A4-A5). For non-continuous pages, use a comma to note the pages (A1, A4, A12).

Online Article with a DOI

Christensen, K., Rogers, E., Green, G. A., Hamilton, D. A., Mermelstein, F., Liao, E., . . .

Carr, D.B. (2007). Safety and efficacy of intranasal ketamine for acute

postoperative pain. *Acute Pain*, 9(4), 183-192. doi:10.1016/j.acpain.2007.09.001

Online Article from a Database (without a DOI)

Semple, C. J., & McCance, T. (2010). Parents' experience of cancer who have young children: A literature review. *Cancer Nursing*, 33(2), 110-118.

Sermer, M. (2003). Does screening for gestational diabetes mellitus make a difference? *CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 168(4), 429-431.

If your instructor asks that you include a permanent link to the online article, include it at the end of the citation.

Semple, C. J., & McCance, T. (2010). Parents' experience of cancer who have young children: A literature review. *Cancer Nursing*, 33(2), 110-118. Retrieved from <http://cclsw2.vcc.ca:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=c8h&AN=2010598246&site=ehost-live>

Sermer, M. (2003). Does screening for gestational diabetes mellitus make a difference? *CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 168(4), 429-431. Retrieved from <http://cclsw2.vcc.ca:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=9057560&site=ehost-live>

Online Article from a Website (without a DOI)

Dunn, M. (2016, November 30). The donut planet: Icy basin in Pluto's heart may be natural sinkhole. *National Post*. Retrieved from <http://news.nationalpost.com/news/world/the-donut-planet-icy-basin-in-plutos-heart-may-be-natural-sinkhole>

Soheylifar, S., Vahedi, M., Kadkhodazadeh, M., & Bidgoli, M. J. (2009). A case of gingival enlargement in acute myeloid leukemia. *Journal of Periodontology & Implant Dentistry*, 1(1), 11-19. Retrieved from <http://dentistry.tbzmed.ac.ir/jpid/index.php/jpid>

Websites:

Basic Format:

Entire Website:

Author Last Name, Initial(s). (Date of publication). *Title of website*. Retrieved from <http://www.address.edu>

Section or Page within a Website:

Author Last Name, Initial(s). (Date of publication). Title of page. In *Title of website*. Retrieved from <http://www.address.edu/section2>

Note: Cite multiple authors or organizations as authors as you would with books.

Publication Information Online

Publication information is often unavailable on websites and is not standardized like books or journals. You might have to look around at other pages within a website to find all the information you need (author, date). If you need to break a URL between two lines, do so before most punctuation, but not the except / in <http://>

APA Style requires the "Publication Date" as part of the citation. If there is no date provided, use (n.d.). It stands for 'no date.'

Entire Website

AIDS Vancouver. (n.d.). Retrieved from <http://www.aidsvancouver.org>

U.S. National Library of Medicine. (2016, November 28). *Medline Plus*. Retrieved from www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus

Chapter, Section or Page of a Website

AIDS Vancouver. (n.d.). The health promotion program. Retrieved from http://www.aidsvancouver.org/health_promotion_program

American Psychological Association. (2011). Manage flood-related distress by building resilience. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/flood-distress.aspx>

Mount Sinai School of Medicine. (n.d.). Familial transmission. In *Gaucher Disease Treatment Center*. Retrieved from <http://icahn.mssm.edu/research/programs/gaucher-disease-treatment-center/gaucher-disease/familial-transmission>

Image or Picture on the Internet

Basic Format:

Author Last Name, Initial(s). (Date of publication). Title of image [format]. *Title of website if not clear from URL*. Retrieved from <http://www.address.edu>

Cite images found online like a website, but add the format in [square brackets]. Make sure you are crediting the original creator of an image, not just a person who has copied the image without permission.

McCourtie S. D. (2009, April 29). SDM-LK-179 [photograph]. Retrieved from <http://www.flickr.com/photos/worldbank/3486672699>

Blog Post

If the blog you are citing is fairly formal and written by identifiable people or organizations, cite it in the same manner as you would any other website.

Rybolt, G. (2010, April 20). The kidnapped napper. In *Codeblog: Tales of a nurse*. Retrieved from http://www.codeblog.com/archives/tales_from_the_ccu/the-kidnapped-napper.html

If the blog (or message board) is less formal or is a comment on a blog, cite it in the following manner. The title of the posting is not italicized in these instances.

LiberalCanuck. (2008, September 11). Canada to pull out of Afghanistan [Web log message]. Retrieved from <http://www.dailykos.com/storyonly/2008/9/11/594733/-Canada-to-Pull-Out-of-Afghanistan>

Other Resources:

Music Recordings

Basic Format:

Songwriter. (Date of Copyright). Title of song (Recorded by Artist if different from songwriter). On *Title of album* [Medium of recording: CD, record, etc.]. Location: Label (Date of recording if different from song copyright date).

Davis, M. (1986). Flamenco sketches. On *Kind of blue* [CD]. New York: Columbia. (1959).

Audiovisual Media (Films and Videos)

Motion Pictures (Popular movies, not educational videos)

Cuarón, A. (Director), & Abraham, M. (Producer). (2006). *Children of men* [Motion picture]. Universal City, CA: Universal.

Videos

For items retrieved online, replace the publisher and place of publication with the URL.

Films for the Humanities & Sciences. (Producer). (2007). *Understanding hepatitis C* [DVD]. Princeton, NJ: Films Media Group.

Landmark Television. (Producer). (2006). *Comte gruyere and morbier* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://cclsw2.vcc.ca:2048/login?url=http://drm.iriseducation.org/package/v2/?a=e&c=163&f=67958>

Falconess21. (2008, May 8). *Footloose: Nursing school style* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUof5bgbjos>

Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and Other Similar Reference Sources

Entries in reference books are either **signed** or **unsigned**. With signed entries, the author will be listed at the start or end of the individual entry. An editor(s) will usually be listed at the front of the book and is also included in the reference. For online reference books, replace the publisher and place of publication with the URL.

Signed (and Online)

Swartout-Corbell, D. M. (2006). Pressure ulcer. In J. L. Longe (Ed.), *The Gale encyclopedia of nursing and allied health* (2nd ed.). Retrieved from <http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE|CX2584700709&v=2.1&u=vanc37198&it=r&p=GVRL&sw=w>

Unsigned

Methylphenidate. (2006). In J. K. Aronson (Ed.), *Meyler's side effects of drugs: The international encyclopedia of adverse drug reactions and interactions* (Vol. 4, pp. 2307-2311). Amsterdam: Elsevier.

Diabetes insipidus. (n.d.) In *MedLine Plus*. Retrieved from <https://medlineplus.gov/diabetesinsipidus.html>

Personal Communications

Personal communications are emails, personal interviews, telephone conversations, private (unpublished) letters, etc. Cite information from your own class notes in the same way.

Do not include these types of sources in your reference list. **Cite them in-text only.**

Emails, Telephone Conversations and Personal Letters

(K. Hepburn, personal communication, March 3, 2010)

In a phone interview, B. Affleck (personal communication, September 7, 2008) talked about ...

This email detailed the experiences of the nurse (K. Winslet, personal communication, July 14, 2009).

Personal Class Notes

In a lecture in NURS 1161, the instructor M. Streep (personal communication, September 20, 2010) argued that ...

Course Handouts / Formal Lecture Notes

Handouts, notes, and PowerPoint slides provided by an instructor or department are included in the **References** list, as well as with an in-text citation. Include the type of document in brackets after the title. For documents retrieved online, replace the publisher and place of publication with the URL.

Hanks, T. (2009, February 14). *Handout 4: MEDC1130* [Lecture notes]. Vancouver: Vancouver Community College, Medical Transcriptionist Program.

Roberts, J. (2010, April 4). *Gerontology basics: NURS1201* [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from <https://moodle.vcc.ca/course/view.php?id=1498>