

Writing Resources

Nurses at all levels are expected to have skills commensurate with their experience and education level. This expectation extends beyond technical expertise and includes communication skills. Nurses earning advanced degrees must also demonstrate a high level of proficiency in writing.

Students with the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing are strongly encouraged to engage in scholarly pursuit to improve their writing skills. A solid foundation in research and strong writing skills will serve you throughout your career. The resources below can help.

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APA Style CENTRAL®

A resource for writing and publishing in APA Style and for developing professional research skills. [APA Style CENTRAL®](#) has many resources, including:

- [Frequently Asked Questions About APA Style®](#)

- [Quick Answers – References](#): Websites, In-text Citations, E-Books, Interviews, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, DOIs, and Bibliography vs. Reference List.
- [Quick Answers – Formatting](#): Running Head, Margins, Heading Levels, Lists, Tables, Figures, Table of Contents, Title Page, Serial Comma, and Quotations.
- [The basics of APA Style® Tutorial](#)

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OWL – The Purdue Online Writing Lab

This online APA citation guide from Purdue University's Online Writing Lab (OWL) is an outstanding resource on formatting APA citations. Includes:

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- [Writing as a Professional Nurse](#)
 - [Three General Rules](#)
 - [Writing in the Field: The Three Kinds of Charting](#)
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- [Healthcare Writing](#)
 - [Medical Journalism](#)
 - [SOAP Notes](#)
 - [Patient Education Materials](#)

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Avoiding Plagiarism

Through scenarios and practice exercises, this self-paced course offers key skills for [Avoiding Plagiarism at JHU](#). It contains brief pretests, interactive modules, and posttests. The content is customized to the learner's knowledge and needs.

- [Directions for accessing the course](#)
- [Avoiding Plagiarism at JHU course](#)

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Citing Sources – JHU Sheridan Libraries

JHU Sheridan Libraries [Citing Sources](#) webpage offers resources, guidelines and tools for citing various materials. Includes “Ask a Librarian” chat feature.

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How to Read an Academic Article

[How to Read an Academic Article](#) guides readers to get the most out of a scholarly text.

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Grammarly

[Grammarly](#) is used for proofreading (spelling and grammar) and plagiarism-detection. Checks for 250+ grammar rules. It also helps the writer learn about their mistakes so they can avoid making them again. Free.

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ProWriting Aid

[ProWriting Aid](#) analyzes writing and produces reports on areas such as overused words, writing style, sentence length, grammar and repeated words and phrases. Provides explanations to assist learning and improve future writing. Free version.

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RefWorks

[RefWorks](#) is an online research management, writing and collaboration tool. Designed to help researchers easily gather, manage, store and share information, RefWorks also generates citations and bibliographies. No download is required and it is free to JHU students and faculty.

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Read&Write Gold

[Read&Write Gold](#) offers reading, writing, studying, and research tools. Helps individuals succeed regardless of ability or learning style. Makes everyday literacy tasks simpler, more efficient and more accurate. Read&Write assists in providing differentiated instruction to meet the needs of diverse student populations, including:

- Individuals with learning disabilities, such as dyslexia or dysgraphia
- Struggling readers and writers
- English language learners

This program is available for download to JHU students and faculty.

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ICMJE Recommendations

The [ICMJE recommendations](#) (full title, Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals) are a set of guidelines produced by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors for standardizing the ethics, preparation and formatting of manuscripts submitted for publication by biomedical journals. Compliance with the ICMJE Recommendations is required by most leading biomedical journals.

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EQUATOR Networks

The [EQUATOR \(Enhancing the QUALity and Transparency Of health Research\) Network](#) is an international initiative that seeks to improve the reliability and value of published health research literature by promoting transparent and accurate reporting and wider use of robust reporting guidelines. Includes:

- [Writing Research Toolkit](#)