

AHS 414: Health Promotion Planning
Fall 2018
Literature Review
30 total points

This portion of your grant proposal is critical because it provides a backdrop for the development of your program. It provides statement of the problem to be addressed, its history, and what is known based on recent scientific literature.

Content

Your assignment must include each of the following areas, and abide by the given format:

1. Title Page

Must be formatted in proper APA-style

2. Introduction (*one full paragraph*)

Introduce the health problem (your topic and objective), how it describes or relates to health disparities, along with your target group, in a clear, thoughtful introductory paragraph.

3. Background (*2 ½ - 3 pages*)

By conducting a thorough literature review, describe the health problem of your topic in more detail, provide a history of how it has evolved throughout recent history (including how it has been covered in the literature) and the ways in which it is a problem now and how it is being addressed in your target population.

In general, your literature review should provide empirical evidence to “tell the story” about what is scientifically known in the field about the topic in a logical and easy-to-follow manner. Remember to use a “funneling” approach (general -> specific) when structuring your literature review.

Note: Later in the semester, after you complete your needs assessment accomplished by administering your survey to the ISU student community pertaining to your topic, you will include survey results (which is part of your needs assessment) in this ‘Background’ section.

4. Reference Page

You must have an APA-Style Reference page(s) meeting the following specifications:

- A minimum of 10 total sources must be included
- All sources must be credible and based on scientific studies (i.e. scholarly); there is information provided below about how to identify “credible” sources
- It is recommended all sources are as current as possible (within the past five years). However, all sources must have been published between 2010-present
- Your textbook is not an appropriate source for this assignment (look in the text’s bibliography for related primary sources)

- Do NOT forget to cite your sources in-text; your reference page and in-text citations must match

Formatting, etc.

- Font, Spacing, etc.: Content of the paper must adhere to the following specifications:
 - Times New Roman font
 - 12-point
 - Double-spaced
 - 1" margins on all four sides
- Length: Content must be a minimum of 3 pages in length, not to exceed 3 ½ pages (note that the title and reference pages are not counted toward this length).
- Submission: The correct document must be typed and *properly submitted* as an attachment to the correct assignment folder in Blackboard by the deadline listed above by one group member
- About APA Style and Scholarly References:
 - ***DO NOT PLAGIARIZE. Remember, plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, copying/pasting word-for-word (or nearly word-for-word), citing a direct quote without quotations, including a reference page without in-text citations, and more. When in doubt, ask your professor.***
 - Remember to cite **every** fact, figure, and piece of information. For APA style visit the link below and pay attention to the left-side menu (how to correctly cite in-text; formatting a reference page, etc.) at this site:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>
 - Some helpful information about finding credible, scholarly references include:
<http://libguides.indstate.edu/content.php?pid=175498&sid=3038787>.

Credible Sources for Academic Writing

Many sources, particularly online, are not appropriate for academic writing. Use the following criteria to evaluate the credibility and appropriateness of the sources you are planning to use. Do not use sources that do not meet these criteria.

1. **Authorship and Credentials:** What person or group wrote the content and what are their credentials? If you can't immediately determine who the author is and what their credentials are, then don't use it. Keep in mind, the author could be a group or organization. Go to the home page or the "About Us" page and look for this information.
2. **Dates:** When was the content written or last updated? There should be a date on the page, usually at the bottom, telling you when the content was last reviewed or updated. This is usually not the copyright date. Sometimes this date might be on the home page in a note stating when the entire site was last reviewed. If you can't find the date, don't use the source because you don't know exactly how old it is or if anyone is bothering to keep it current. If you are using the source for statistics, it should not be older than five years. Otherwise, generally use sources that are not older than ten years.

3. *Documentation:* Is the content referenced? Were citations used? Evaluate where the author got the information used to write the content on the site. If they don't tell you or you don't see a reference list, avoid using the site as your source unless you know the credentials of the author. For example, the CDC and NIH don't always provide a reference list on every page, but usually this information is linked. Sometimes you may find a site that does not meet all the criteria, but the site provides a bibliography. Instead of using the site, go to the primary sources listed in the bibliography and use those. This way, you're getting the information first-hand instead of a re-hashed interpretation from a third or fourth party.
4. *Sponsorship:* Who is sponsoring (paying for) the site? Do not use commercial (.com) sites since their main purpose is to sell or advertise something and you don't know how or if this impacts the content.
5. *Do not cite Wikipedia as a primary reference source.*