



NR449 Evidence-Based Practice RUA: Topic Search Strategy Guidelines

Purpose

The Topic Search Strategy paper is the first of three related assignments. The purpose of this initial paper is to briefly describe your search strategies when identifying two articles that pertain to an evidence-based practice topic of interest.

Course outcomes: This assignment enables the student to meet the following course outcomes.

CO 1: Examine the sources of knowledge that contribute to professional nursing practice. (PO 7)

CO 2: Apply research principles to the interpretation of the content of published research studies. (POs 4 and 8)

Due date: Your faculty member will inform you when this assignment is due. The Late Assignment Policy applies to this assignment.

Total points possible: 160 points

Preparing the assignment:

Follow these guidelines when completing this assignment. Speak with your faculty member if you have questions.

- 1) Students will be placed into groups by the end of the second week of the session. The groups will work together to select a practice problem of interest as the focus for the three RUA assignments in this course. The practice topic of interest will also be used to complete week 3 and week 5 independent student assignments, as well as a group PowerPoint presentation in week 7.
 - a. Individuals will complete this assignment independently for weeks 3 and 5.
 - b. Teams must assure that members do not use the same articles when completing this assignment.
 - c. Please make sure you do not duplicate articles within your group.
 - d. Paper should be 3-4 content pages in length. Title and reference pages are required but are excluded from 3-4 page length.
- 2) The paper will include the following sections:
 - a. Clinical Question (45 points/28%)
 - Describe the problem. What is the focus of your group's work?
 - Explain the significance of the problem in terms of patient outcomes. What health outcomes result from your problem? Or what statistics document this is a problem? You may find support on websites for government or professional organizations.
 - PICOT question in support of the group topic.
 - State the purpose of your paper. What will your paper do or describe? This is similar to a problem statement. "The purpose of this paper is to . . ."
 - b. Levels of Evidence (20 points/13%)
 - Identify the type of question being asked (therapy, prognosis, meaning, etc.).
 - What is the best type of evidence to answer that question (e.g., RCT, cohort study, qualitative study, etc.)?
 - c. Search Strategy (65 points/41%)
 - List search terms and results.
 - Databases used (start with the CU library). Link your search with the PICOT question described above.
 - Refinement decisions. As you did your search, what decisions did you make in refinement to get your required articles down to a reasonable number for review? Were any limits used? If so, what?
 - Identification of two (2) most relevant articles (primary sources published within the last 5 years).
 - d. Format (30 points/18%)
 - Correct grammar and spelling.
 - Include a title page.
 - Use of headings for each section.
 - Clinical Question, Levels of Evidence, Search Strategy, and Conclusion
 - Adheres to current APA formatting and guidelines.

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- 3-4 pages in length, excluding title and reference pages.

For writing assistance (APA, formatting, or grammar) visit the [APA Citation and Writing](#) page in the online library.

Please note that your instructor may provide you with additional assessments in any form to determine that you fully understand the concepts learned.

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Grading Rubric Criteria are met when the student's application of knowledge demonstrates achievement of the outcomes for this assignment.

Assignment Section and Required Criteria (Points possible/% of total points available)	Highest Level of Performance	High Level of Performance	Satisfactory Level of Performance	Unsatisfactory Level of Performance	Section not present in paper
Clinical Question (45 points/28%)	45 points	40 points	37 points	33 points	0 points
Required criteria 1. Describe the problem. What is the focus of your group's work? 2. Explain the significance of the problem in terms of patient outcomes. What health outcomes result from your problem? Or what statistics document this is a problem? You may find support on websites for government or professional organizations. 3. PICOT question in support of the group topic. 4. State the purpose of your paper. What will your paper do or describe? This is similar to a problem statement. "The purpose of this paper is to . . ."	Includes 4 requirements.	Includes 3 requirements.	Includes 2 requirements.	Includes 1 requirement.	No requirements for this section presented.
Levels of Evidence (20 points/13%)	20 points	16 points	10 points	0 points	
Required criteria 1. Identify the type of question being asked (therapy, prognosis, meaning, etc.). 2. What is the best type of evidence to answer that question (e.g., RCT, cohort study, qualitative study, etc.)?	Includes 2 requirements.	Includes 1 requirement.	Incomplete or inaccurate information presented.	No requirements for this section presented.	
Search Strategy (65 points/41%)	65 points	58 points	54 points	48 points	0 points
Required criteria 1. List search terms and results. 2. Databases used (start with the CU library). Link your search with the PICOT question described above. 3. Refinement decisions. As you did your search, what decisions did you make in refinement to get your required articles down to a reasonable number for review? Were any limits used? If so, what? 4. Identification of two (2) most relevant articles (primary sources published within the last 5 years).	Includes 4 requirements.	Includes 3 requirements.	Includes 2 requirements.	Includes 1 requirement.	No requirements for this section presented.
Organization and APA Style (30 points/18%)	30 points	27 points	25 points	15 points	0 points
Required criteria 1. Correct grammar and spelling. 2. Include a title page. 3. Use of headings for each section. 4. Clinical Question, Levels of Evidence, Search Strategy, and Conclusion 5. Adheres to current APA formatting and guidelines. 6. 3-4 pages in length, excluding title and reference pages.	Includes 6 requirements.	Includes 5 requirements.	Includes 3-4 requirements.	Includes 1-2 requirements.	No requirements for this section presented.
Total Points Possible = 160 points					