

# Guide for using APA in Nursing Assignments

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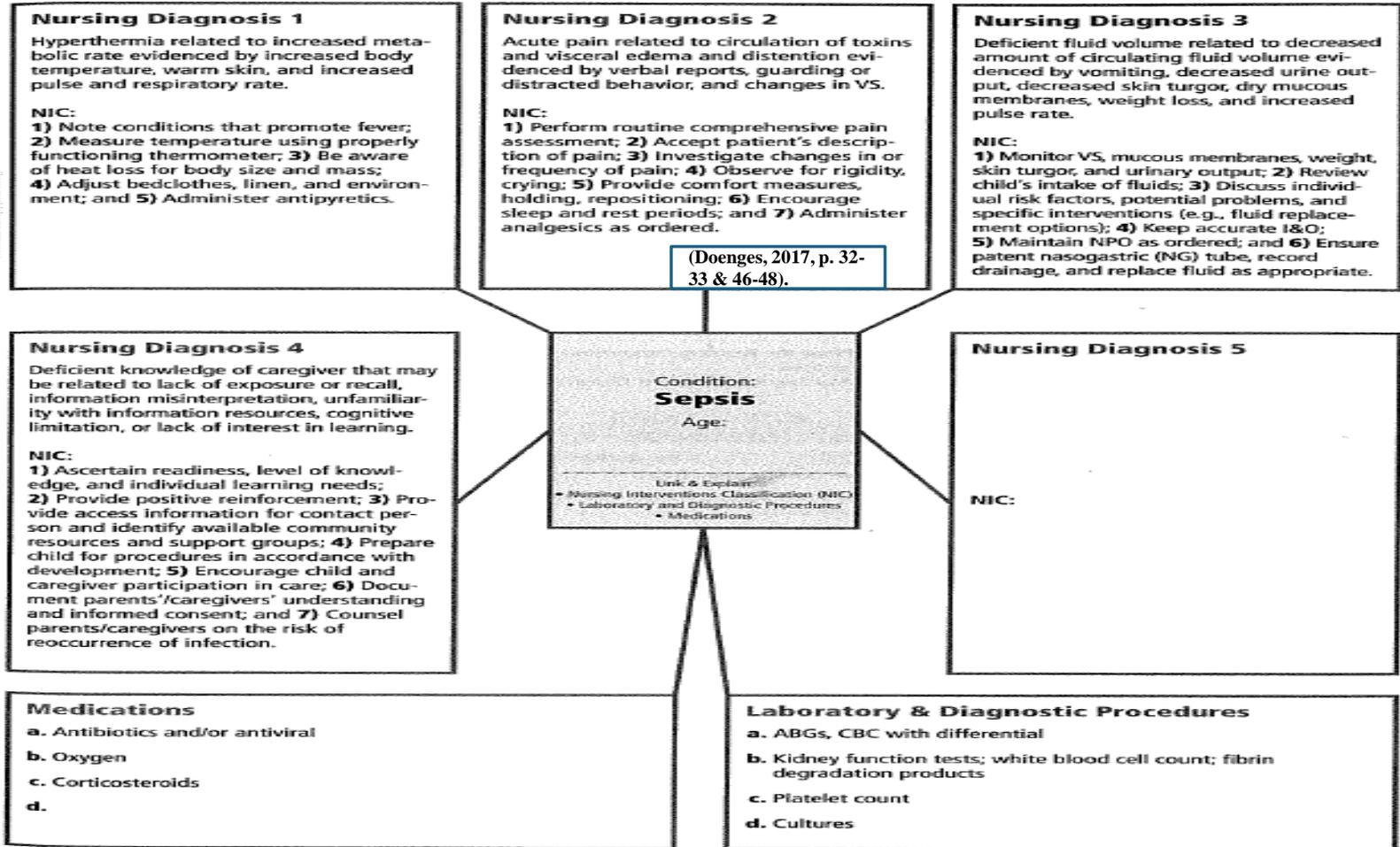


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# Why use APA style?

- \* Credits the originator of ideas, words, and works you used in your research
- \* The APA style reference list allows the sources used in a research paper or in preparing a care plan to be checked for accuracy

Your care plan might look like this, cite the books inside the box with your interventions and rationales and diagnoses. Then create a reference page (see next slide) Important! always check the rubric & professor for exact instructions



# Reference page example

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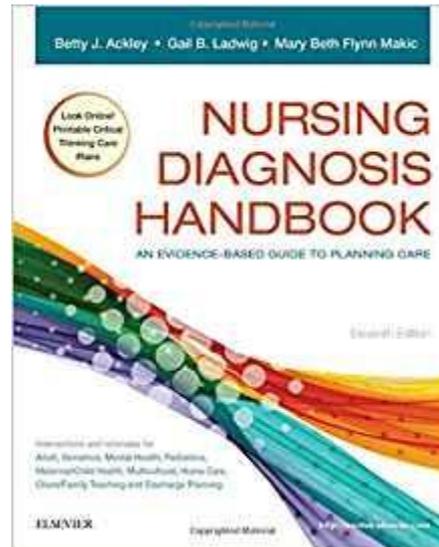
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# Breaking it down APA style Book

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# Checklist for APA style papers and annotated bibliographies

- \* Citation should have a hanging indent of half an inch. (approx. 6 spaces)
- \* Double space everything
- \* *Italicize* journal title *Journal of Pediatric Nursing* and capitalize only first word of the article title and the first word of a subtitle after a colon:
- \* **No bolding**, NO ALL CAPS, no underlining except under web addresses
- \* List of sources is called “References” centered above citation/s
  
- \* Here are some of the fonts allowed in APA Style papers. 11-point Calibri, 11-point Arial, or 10-point Lucida Sans Unicode 12-point Times New Roman, 11-point Georgia
  
- \* Capitalize first letter of each word of a journal i.e. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*
  
- \* Example of journal article

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# Annotated Bibliography example

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This is a journal result in Ebsco, now you have to cite it APA style

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Choose APA from the drop-down menu and then click print when the citation opens you can copy and paste it into your word document

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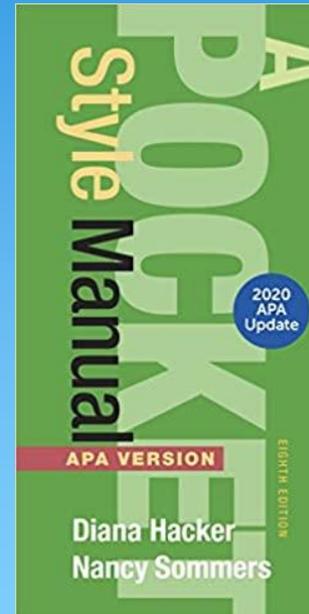
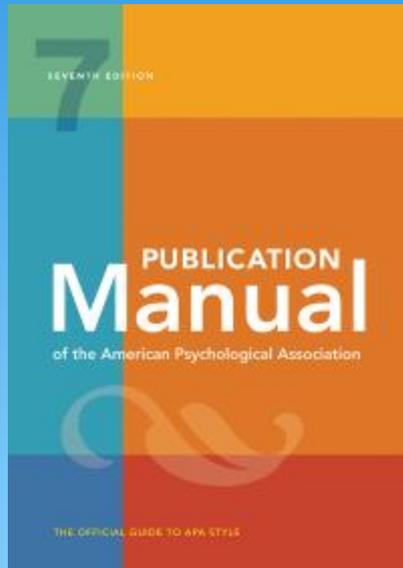
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