

Research Paper Guidelines (title)

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Research Paper Guidelines

This is an example only of how you can write your paper. This example is in A.P.A. format, but you may use any format that is professional. You must be consistent! Begin your paper with the title on the top of the page and centered. It should be the same type size as the text. Every page should have a running header. This is located at the top right of the paper. The title of the paper (the first 3 words) and the page number should be included in the running header. Do not include your name anywhere in the body of the paper; it should only appear on the cover page.

The first paragraph of the paper is the introduction. In the introduction the paper informs the reader what the topic is. The introduction of this paper should briefly describe the disease or disorder. Tell the reader what you are going to write about in the paper and what they can expect to learn by reading your paper. Remember that the paper is to be typed using a standard professional 12-point font such as Times Roman or Courier. The paper should be double spaced. The margins on the paper should be one inch on the top, bottom and sides. The beginning of each paragraph should be indented five to seven spaces or about one-half inch.

Pathophysiology

After the introduction, begin by giving the pathophysiology of the disease or disorder. This is an explanation of what the disease is and how it affects the body. Discuss what causes the disease. Use medical terms as much as possible, but make sure you know what you are writing. Notice the heading of this section, “pathophysiology”. It is centered in the middle of the page. The font is the same as the text.

Make sure that you site you work. This means you need to site where you go the information you are writing about. At the end of a sentence, place in parentheses the name of the

author and the date of where you found the information. In text, citations are a must. In most cases there should be an in-text citation for every paragraph. You need to give credit to the sources that gave you the information for the paper. You must give a citation for everything included in your paper that you did not already know. If the paper is only filled with information that you already knew, it was not a research paper. This is a research paper not an essay. A lack of in-text citations will result in a score of zero and is considered a form of plagiarism. Remember: don't plagiarize (Honesty, 2013)!

Clinical Manifestation

The next section of your paper should contain the clinical manifestation of the disease or disorder you are researching. Describe the patient who has this disease. How do they act? What do they complain of when they have this disease? What changes do they manifest when they are sick with this disease? What are the first signs and symptoms of the disease? What are the diagnostic tests used to diagnose the disease? The reader should be able to visualize the patient and the condition that they have.

Medical Management

The next section is about how to treat the disease. You should address the different ways medical professionals approach the disease. The paper can include any medical specialist who treats this type of disorder. You might include things like medication, surgeries, exercises or diets. This section also might include information on prevention of the disease.

If you quote a source (meaning you write exacting what is written somewhere else) you must put it in "quotation marks" and then site the work at the end of the sentence. You should not quote anything more than 40 words.

Conclusion

The last paragraph of your paper should be your conclusion. The conclusion is a summary of the paper. The total paper **not** including the title page and the bibliography should be between **three** and **five pages**. Please do not put any fancy covers on your research paper – I will just rip them off, throw them away and then mark you down for not following instructions! Please put your name only on the cover page – do **not** include it in the footnotes or headers. Even if you are writing about a personal disease or your experience with the disease, you must not include your name in the paper. Your paper should be single sided.

Bibliography

The final page should be your bibliography. This page is to be separate from the main body of the paper. In other words, the bibliography should be on a page all by its self. The bibliography is a list of all of the sources you used to write your paper. Every entry in your bibliography should be cited somewhere in your paper. You should have at least three references cited in your bibliography. The bibliography should be in alphabetical order. Any internet sites used should include the URL.

The following are some examples of how you can write a bibliography. I am not requiring you to use a specific form of citation and bibliography, but please be consistent with whichever form you use.

A typical bibliographic entry for a book will appear as follows:

Keele, Elizabeth (2009). *How to write a research paper*. California: Basic Books Press.

Journal references, magazines, etc.

Mann, E. (2008). *The Art of Research*. *Magazine for great Students*, 14, 253-263.

Electronic Sources / Basic Format (Internet sites): Make sure to include the web address of the source i.e. URL.

Henderson, B.L. (2007, March 18). *Writing an awesome paper for PT09*. Retrieved November 20,2000, from <http://henderson.writinganawesomepaper.html>

Electronic source/ Electronic version of newspaper article

Honesty, U.R. (2006, February 16). *Plagiarism and flunking out*. *Porterville Times*. Retrieved November 21,2000, from <http://www.portervilletimes.com>

Research Paper Grading Rubric (100 points)

	0 points	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points	5 points
Cover Page: Criteria includes: a) student name b) title of paper c) course title/number d) faculty name e) date submitted	No cover page.	Missing four criteria.	Missing three criteria.	Missing two criteria.	Missing one criteria	All criteria complete and correct.
	0 points	2 point	4 points	6 points	8 points	10 points
Introduction: Criteria includes: a) section heading b) topic introduced c) clear purpose d) points to be covered are included and clear e) lays out a roadmap for direction of paper	No criteria met.	Missing four criteria.	Missing three criteria.	Missing two criteria.	Missing one criterion.	All criteria complete and correct.
	0 points	5 point	15 points	25 points	30 points	20 points
Body: Criteria includes: a) section heading b) all points covered - Pathophysiology - Clinical manifestations - Medical Management c) each paragraph has a main point d) smooth transition between paragraphs e) topic is fully covered	No criteria met.	Missing four criteria.	Missing three criteria.	Missing two criteria.	Missing one criterion.	All criteria complete and correct.
	0 points	2 point	4 points	6 points	8 points	10 points
Conclusion: Criteria includes: a) section heading b) summarizes each main point of paper	Missing heading and/or poorly summarized main points.	Missing heading and summarizes only some of the main points.	Summarizes only some of the main points.	Missing heading and/or summarizes most of the main points.	Includes heading & summarizes most of the main points.	All criteria complete and correct.

	0 points	4 point	8 points	12 points	16 points	10 points
Bibliography / Citations Criteria includes: a) 3 or more references cited b) references listed alphabetically c) internet sources include URLs d) bibliography page is titled e) double-spaced f) Separate page for the bibliography	No bibliography.	Missing four criteria.	Missing three criteria.	Missing two criteria.	Missing one criterion.	All criteria complete and correct.
	0 points	4 point	8 points	12 points	16 points	20 points
Mechanics Criteria includes: a) 3-5 pages in length b) proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling c) narrative style and complete sentences d) double-spaced e) font of 12	Missing more than two criteria and/or has more than 40 errors of grammar, spelling, or punctuation.	Missing two criteria and/or has more than 30 to 40 errors of grammar, spelling, or punctuation.	Missing one criterion and/or has 20 to 30 errors of grammar, spelling, or punctuation.	Missing one criterion or has 10-20 errors of grammar, spelling, or punctuation	All criteria met with between 5-10 errors of grammar, spelling, or punctuation.	All criteria met completely with less than 5 errors of grammar, spelling, or punctuation.
	-100 points				-20 points	On Time
Timeliness	If no hard copy is given to the instructor on the due date.				Hard copy submitted to instructor on time, but after class.	Hard copy to instructor by due date.

Presentation (25 points)- Present your report in a simple, logical way that all can comprehend. Don't READ it to us. Use your own words. Please be prepared to answer any questions that may be asked.