

Guidelines for Identifying Research Evidence and Writing Research Evidence Appraisals

NURS 610

Making Sense of Each Article and Extracting Important Information: Completing the Appraisal

1. **Note that your first appraisal assignment will be the submission of the first five appraisals; the second appraisal assignment will be a submission of the last five appraisals.**
2. Look at the sample provided in *Moodle*. It will make this more understandable.
3. Number each article (1-10).
4. Then, open the *Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Appraisal Tool (Appendix E)*. This is found in the Student Resources section in the *Moodle* course room (boxes on the right of the screen). For all other articles, use the *Non-Research Appraisal Tool (Appendix F)*
5. Scroll down to the *Qualitative, Quantitative, or Mixed Methods* boxes. Click on the blue segment while holding down the *Ctrl* button on your keyboard. This will take you to the appraisal segment you will be using (Sections IA, IIA or III).
6. After you download the appraisal form, turn on editing in the *Word* document and you should have a fillable form -- meaning that you can work directly on that form.
7. Answer the questions in the appraisal. Use this as an opportunity to review terms and understand the article. It is okay if you don't understand all the statistics. The significance of the results will be included in the article.
8. Then, fill in the remaining boxes on page 1 except the bottom two boxes, which will be completed after you check off all the boxes.

After You've Checked All the Boxes

1. Then, go back to the first page of the appraisal form and fill in the evidence quality and rating box.
2. Next, write a summary of the article.
3. **Important Note:** I have created two templates that will make writing the summary easier. The first is for use in Levels I and II evidence. The second is for Levels III, IV, and V evidence. These templates are found in the "Commonly Used Student Resources" block on the right in the *Moodle* course room
4. You do NOT need to submit all of these appraisal forms, simply because it is a logistical nightmare. All you need to submit is a document containing the summaries – next step below.

Lastly, Make a Word Document for All Summaries

1. I will edit and comment on the summaries you write for each appraisal.
2. Take another look at the sample provided in *Moodle*
3. Create a new Word document and label it *First Five Evidence Appraisals* (or something similar)
4. Copy and paste together the paragraphs you wrote in each summary box for each individual appraisal.
5. Upload this also in the link provided in *Moodle*.