

NURS 610 Translational Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice

Review of Literature Paper Guidelines

Step One: Create a Document

- Create a new document and label it “ROL” or something easily recognizable.

Step Two: Edit Initial Papers

- Edit the three papers you got back from your professor.
- These include the Focus Paper and the two Evidence Appraisal Summaries (1-5 and 6-10)
- If these three initial papers are edited before even pasting them into your ROL document, you will be a couple of steps ahead.
- First to be pasted into the ROL paper is the Focus Paper. This will then serve as the overall introduction to the ROL paper.
- It should have the following subheadings.

Problem Identification

Potential Quality Improvement Project Identification

Baseline and Benchmark Data

Potential Quality Improvement Project

Step Three: Identify The Main Ideas and Put Them in Your Paper as Subheadings

- Organize your paper with lots of Levels 1 and 2 subtitles like in the box below.
- **Include a subtitle that describes the content of each study you include.**

Growth and Development of a Butterfly (Level I Heading)

Butterflies are among the most beloved of all insects . . . (This is where you connect the upcoming content with the content of the last section.)

The Egg (Level II Heading)

After pairing of the two sexes, the female butterfly lays eggs on host plants. Host plants are those plants that . . .

End this section with *The Johns Hopkins Appraisal* blurb

Stages of Caterpillar Development (Level II Heading)

An instar is defined as . . .

- Write a few sentences that introduce the nature of each main idea. Be sure to define each important concept. Assume the reader doesn't know even fundamental concepts.

- Then, paste in the summary you wrote for the various article appraisals. Do this according to the main ideas you have developed. You can rearrange them later.
- In between each summary, write a sentence that serves to transition to the next one.
- The idea behind transition statements is that they will help synthesize the evidence, a main goal of a review of literature.
- Sample transition statements are below in the box.
- Keep doing this until all of your summaries (from the Evidence Appraisal Summary documents) have a home in your paper.
- As you go, cut out the reference and move it to the last page of your document.

Examples of Transition Sentences to Put *Between Summaries*

- This study by Twibell et al. (2023) showed that falls-related behaviors may be reduced by viewing a video about falls. Elsewhere at about the same time, Grady and Brady (2022) studied another intervention that may reduce the incidence of falls: hourly rounds.
- The findings of this study by Twibell et al. (2023) were supported by similar findings in a study by Grady and Brady (2022) who looked at _____.
- This research by Twibell et al. (2023) is further supported by results of a qualitative study by Great and Grand (2023) who studied _____.

Examples of a Transition Statement to Put *at the Beginning of Each Main Idea Section*

Below is an example of a transition from a former student paper on nurse fatigue

- Equally important as the finding that shift work contributes to increased fatigue is the finding that shift work also contributes to factors that reduced the safety of a nurse. Accordingly, a cross-sectional, descriptive study conducted in the Philippines by De Castro et al. (2010) set out to determine _____.

Step Four: Summarize Consistencies Within the Evidence

- Write a paragraph or two about research findings that were *consistent* with the results of other studies.
- These will be the studies that will provide evidence that is useful in the design of a capstone project.

Step Five: Summarize Inconsistencies Within the Evidence

- Write a paragraph or two about research findings that were *inconsistent* with the results of other studies.
- These studies may provide some useful evidence, but you will need to use them “with caution”, because their findings were inconsistent with the findings of the best studies.

Step Six: Write a Conclusion

- Use this statement: The purpose of this review of literature has been to appraise the research and other evidence that addresses the problem of _____.
- Then, state something about this problem area being one that interests you for the quality improvement process that will become your leadership project.

Step Seven: Edit the References

- You will have copied and pasted the references from the two Appraisal Summary papers.
- Alphabetize them and proofread them for APA accuracy.

Step Eight: Edit

- Edit, edit, edit
- Read through your paper as often as possible.
- Use *Grammarly* or another grammar program.
- Use the *Read Aloud* function in *Word*

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