Module 4
“HOW TO CITE REFERENCES”

Overview:
In this module you will explore APA formatting of references and citations by completing 2 basic writing exercises. These exercises are based on multiple lesson plans developed by Dana Lynn Dirscoll, Kristen Seas, David Neyhart and Erin Karper for The Owl at Purdue Teaching Resources and How do I cite sources?

Objectives:
Students will:
1. Review the basics of APA formatting and style requirements.
2. Learn the basics of in-text citations.
3. Learn how to create and format a reference list
4. Take a quiz to test knowledge on citing references.
**Introduction:**
The purpose of citing sources is to give credit to the author for any ideas or quotations that you use, and to enable your reader to locate the sources.

Note, this is a basic review of how to cite and reference print and electronic media. After completing the module, you are encouraged to use bibliography management software to help format and manage citations. NSU provides NSU students, faculty and staff with free access to EndNote, ProCite and Reference Manager. [Learn more](#). An online tutorial is available for [EndNote](#).


**Examples**

**Book:**
Author, A.A. (Year of publication). *Title of book. City of publication: Publisher.*

More examples are available at “Reference List: Books.”

**Article in printed journal:**

More examples are available at “Reference List: Articles in Periodicals.”

**Article from an Online Journal:**

More examples are available at “Reference List: Electronic Sources.”
**Exercise #1: Reference List**

**Directions:**
The exercises in this module require writing, so you need to open a blank word document, or get a pen/pencil and paper to complete these exercises.

1. Review the NSU, Health Professions Division Library, “How to Cite Sources: APA Style.”
2. Use the “How to Cite Sources: APA Style” resource to correctly cite references for the following: one textbook, one journal article, and one electronic resource.
3. Read “Reference List: Basic Rules” and create a reference list which includes the textbook, journal article, and electronic resource cited in step 2.

**Exercise #2: Citing References in Text**

1. Read “In-Text Citations: The Basics” and “In-Text Citations: Author/Authors”
2. Write one paragraph on “coping with academic pressure.” Within the body of your paragraph, cite 2 online resources for information presented in your paragraph and create a reference list for these two references.
3. Take the quiz.
References


