APA FORMAT  
(6th edition)

The College of Nursing encourages the use of APA (American Psychological Association) format for all reference citations. The following examples come from the sixth Edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. Copies of this manual are available for reference in the Research Office.

NOTES:  
1. Journal articles and book title: Only capitalize first word of title and first word after a colon  
2. Title of journal is capitalized

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Electronic Sources and Locator Information  
The 6th edition contains a new section on this topic, starting on page 187. It’s several pages long so rather than trying to recap this information here and leaving something out, we would prefer that you come to the Research Office to refer to the manual directly, if you don’t have your own copy.

Table 6.1. Basic Citation Styles (from page 177 of the manual)

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EXAMPLES

**Journal article, one author**
*In text:* (Paivio, 1975).

**Journal article, two authors, journal paginated by issue**
*In text:* (Becker & Seligman, 1981)

**Journal article, three to five authors**
*In text:* First time, use all names
Second and subsequent times the work is cited - (Horowitz et al., 1983).

**Journal article, six or more authors**
*In text:* Each time cited - (Winston et al., 1983).

**Journal article in press**
*Do not give either the year or the volume and page numbers until the article is published. In text, use the following parenthetical citation: (Corcoran & Williamson, in press).*
*In text:* (Concoran & Williamson, in press)

**Book, third edition, Jr. in name**
*In text:* (Strunk & White, 1979)

**Edited book**
*In text:* (Letheridge & Cannon, 1980)

**Article or chapter in an edited book**
*In text:* (Hartley, Harker & Walsh, 1980)