



The Importance of Citing

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After this tutorial, you will be able to:

- Recognize the importance of citing sources
- Understand and recognize plagiarism
- Utilize tools to help with citing sources

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Why is citing your sources important?

The reader needs to trust you

- Citing your sources is important for establishing the validity of evidence-based practice. The reader should be able to go back to the original source to confirm the information.

Join the conversation

- If you do not cite another's work, you are removing your work from the scholarly conversation. For your work to be widely accepted among public health scholars, you need to cite.

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Give credit

- Citing your sources also honors the contributions of other scholars.

It's what scholars do

- For publishing in a peer-reviewed journal, properly citing sources is mandatory (no exceptions!)

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Why do students plagiarize?

Students don't know what plagiarism is

- Plagiarism isn't taught to all students. For example, where knowledge is considered a shared property, there may be no concept of plagiarism.

Students' respect for authority

- Some students feel professors will be offended if a quote or idea is cited. For example, a professor may be offended if a quote from Aristotle is cited. (The professor already knows all of the literature on the topic, so citing is challenging the professor's knowledge.)

Common types of plagiarism

Verbatim

- Take text or an idea from someone else's paper or book (etc.) and put it into your paper like it's your idea or text.

Paraphrase

- Paraphrase without citing (not giving credit for someone else's idea).

To avoid plagiarism

- **Know what plagiarism is**

- [C4W - Plagiarism Definitions](#)
- From wikipedia: Plagiarism is the "wrongful appropriation" and "stealing and publication" of another author's "language, thoughts, ideas, or expressions" and the representation of them as one's own original work.

- **When in doubt, cite!**

- [C4W - How to document sources](#)
- [C4W - Writing with Sources](#)

- **Use a citation manager to organize your sources**

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About Citation Managers

- **Organize your research**
 - Citation managers help organize the sources you find in your searching.
- **Citing sources**
 - Citation managers generate citations and bibliographies in many styles.
 - Work with MS Word to generate in-text citations.

Citation Managers

Here are a few free ones you can use

- **Mendeley**
 - [Mendeley tutorials and help](#)
- **Zotero**
 - [Zotero tutorials and help](#)

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Information about popular styles

- [Purdue OWL Style Guide](#)
- [American Psychological Association Style Guide \(APA\)](#)
- [Chicago Manual of Style](#)

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Thank you!



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