



# Plagiarism: Academic Misconduct

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# Plagiarism defined

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- “Plagiarism is the act of using the ideas and/or the expressions of another and representing them as your own. It is a kind of cheating, and thus a form of academic misconduct.” (dictionary.com)
- It literally is literary theft



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# What exactly does it mean?

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- Plagiarism is using someone else's
  - words, data, information, images, without crediting the original source
  - it quite literally is “literary theft”
  - A person’s thoughts & ideas belong to that person, and is protected by law

**If the ideas are not your own, the source must be cited.**

Use Purdue Owl as the APA style/format reference.



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# What is plagiarism?

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## DELIBERATE PLAGIARISM

- Rewriting or copying verbatim from books and/or articles
- Copying & pasting from web pages & online sources to create a “patchwork” of writing
- Buying, downloading, or borrowing a paper



Plagiarism



No credit given  
"Stealing of published  
material"  
Small modifications made



## ACCIDENTAL PLAGIARISM

- Not knowing when & how to cite your work (citations and references)
- Not knowing how to paraphrase or summarize from your source
- Not knowing what “common knowledge” is
- Recycling an old paper

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# Copy/paste – don't do it

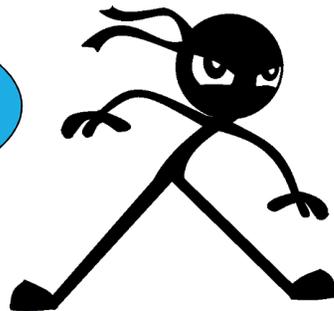
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- **Do not** be tempted to copy/paste from an online site or book. This is intentional plagiarism.
- This is easy to do, but you are likely to be caught and it defeats the purpose of an education.
- Instead, read & synthesize the information into your own words, and use it as supporting documentation for your own ideas.

Copy & paste  
is plagiarism

# You are plagiarizing when:

You submit work that is not your own



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You copy verbatim (re-type the information) from your sources

You copy/paste from your sources

You take all of your ideas from one source

You incorrectly cite your sources

You copy the majority of a text but change only a few words

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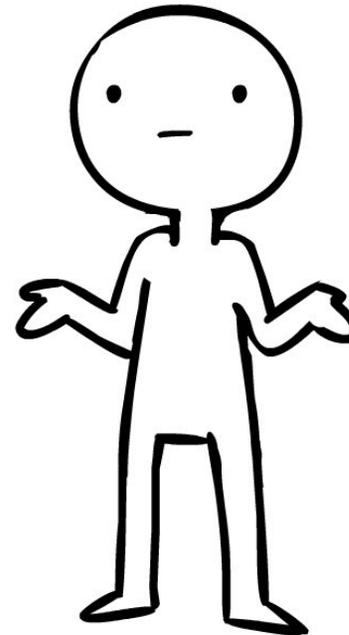
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You don't use quotations marks & page numbers

# Why people plagiarize

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- Lack of understanding of what plagiarism is
- Lack of understanding of the implications of plagiarism
- Lack of understanding of the consequences
- Lack of self-confidence in writing in one's own words



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# Consequences of plagiarism

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- According to the Cleveland Clinic WOC Nursing Education Plagiarism Policy, plagiarism is academic misconduct and is not tolerated!
- Any time a faculty member suspects a case of academic misconduct, it must be reported to the Program Director for review.
- If it is determined that plagiarism has occurred, the plagiarism policy that you signed will be used to determine consequences.
- The first offense requires a “rewrite” and a 50% point deduction
- The second offense leads to a failing grade & potential expulsion from the program, so please carefully read these slides.

# Three simple ways to avoid plagiarism

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## Summarize in your own words

- The text you write may be shorter or longer than the original
- Reference the original source
- Use your own words, with a very limited use of quotations

## Quote limitations

- Reference the original source & the reference slide/page
- Use the original author's exact words & put quotations marks around them
- Include the page number of the original source with the citation
- Limit quotes to no more than 40 words, & no more than once per assignment or project

## Paraphrase correctly

- The text you produce may be longer or shorter than the original source
- Reference the original source
- Write in your own words

Use Purdue Owl as the APA style/format reference.

# Need more writing help?

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- You can subscribe to [www.grammarly.com](http://www.grammarly.com) or other online proofreading source
- Provides writing help and assistance to improve your grammar & clarity
- Provides plagiarism detection of your writing before submitting it to the dropbox
- Link available through the course references section under “APA & writing help,” scroll down to “grammarly writing help”



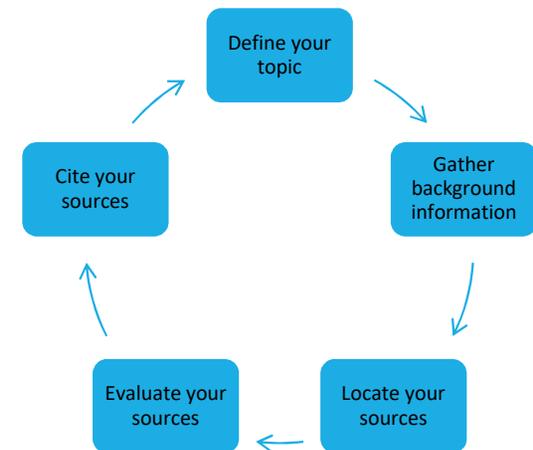
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# Keep track of your library & textbook research

- As you do your research and find information, keep track of citation information electronically, or on a word document, and write in your own words
- Online journal articles include links that will create your APA formatted citation.
- Be sure to record where and how you found your information so that you can find it easily in the future!

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Don't forget, you can ask a librarian when you need assistance with references.



# Remember

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- Your submitted assignments can and will be submitted to an online plagiarism checker called “Turnitin.” This software not only can spot identical matches in your work, it also identifies the percentage of each match.
- The WOC Nursing Education Program is an academic program, so your references need to be obtained from reputable sources such as peer reviewed journals and textbooks.
- In most instances online websites are not acceptable as references because they may or may not be peer reviewed, and do not always contain up to date information or evidence based information. It is best to do your assignment research through the required textbooks, and through the online library.
- If you need help searching for articles through the library, try the library tutorial located in the library resources course, or contact the librarian directly for assistance.

# Quotation rules

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- As a post-baccalaureate program, the expectation is that you will write information in your own words and cite the source.
- Copying large amounts of information verbatim from the source is still plagiarism, even if you quote the source.
- Instructors are assessing your understanding of key concepts of safe and effective wound, ostomy, and continence care. If you are only copying information from the book, we have no way of assessing your understanding of the content.
- No more than one quote of no more than 40 words is permitted per project or assignment, and the quote should be properly cited and referenced according to APA style.



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# Make the most of your journey

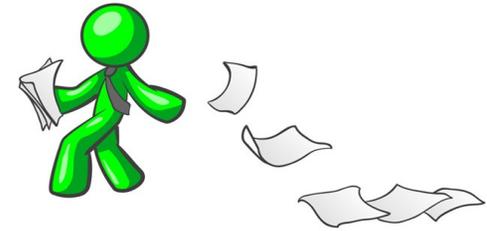
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- Carefully read each assignment rubric so you are clear of the expectations.
- Use appropriate resources that will provide you the best information and the best learning opportunity.
- Make sure you are clear what exactly is plagiarism:
  - It is buying, stealing, or borrowing a paper
  - It is using a source too closely when paraphrasing
  - It is hiring someone to write your paper then submitting it as your own work
  - It is building on someone's ideas without citation
  - It is copying and/or pasting from another source without citing, either on purpose or by accident
  - Copying verbatim from the source, even if cited
- Do *NOT* plagiarize; it is very easy to detect, and could cost you your WOC education.

Specific questions about plagiarism can be added to the course questions thread in the discussion area.

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