

Nursing Writing

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Articles

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Amirault, Mardi, et. al. "The Writing Skills Working Group." Canadian Nurse, Vol.101.2 (2005)

Summary: The process, results (positive), and continued plans of a writing seminar at a Canadian nursing school.

"Do the Write Thing." Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing, Vol. 4.3 (May/June 2000) p.109.

Summary: Reasons nurses avoid writing and tips to get into the writing mentality.

Clay, Geraldine. "Assignment Writing Skills" Nursing Standard Vol. 17 (Jan 29-Feb 4 2003) pp. 47-53.

Summary: A basic article on "planning, writing, and reviewing" essays for class.

Price, Adrienne. "Professional Writing: Collective Purpose" Nursing Standard Vol. 15 (Apr 4-Apr 10 2001) pp. 42-45.

Summary: Explains how group publishing gets your topic noticed much more quickly by the nursing community than an individual's article would, and emphasizes the importance of developing a "publication strategy."

Smith, Alison. "Publish or Perish: The Write Thing for Nursing." Nursing Economics, Vol. 22.6 (Nov/Dec 2004) pp. 342-343.

Summary: Reasons for submitting articles to the Nursing Economic\$ journal. Also includes basic reasons for nurses to write in the first place. Possible writing exercise: journal submissions.

Webb, Christine. "The Use of First Person in Academic Writing: Objectivity, Language and, Gatekeeping." Journal of Advanced Nursing, Vol. 17.6 (June 1992), pp.747-753.

Summary: Explanation as to why the use of the first person in research papers undermines objectivity.

Whitehead, Dean. "The Academic Writing Experiences of a Group of Student Nurses: A Phenomenological Study." Journal of Advanced Nursing, Vol. 38(5) (February 2002), pp. 498-506.

Summary: Study and results (using anecdotes) of an English nursing school's writing experiment.

Wink, Diane M. "Writing to Get Published." Nephrology Nursing Journal Vol. 29 (October 2002), pp.461-468.

Summary A step-by-step guide of the process of writing a professional paper, from finding a topic to having the paper published.

Books:

Clinical Writing: Assessment, Care Plans, Charts

Academic Writing: Reports, Research projects, Theses

Professional Writing: Correspondence, Resumes, Writing for Publication

American Nurses Association. Writers Guide to Nursing and Allied Health Journals. Washington DC:1998 **Call # RT24.B69 1998**

Summary: This lists all the medical journals alphabetically. Listings include intended audience, manuscript acceptance rate, and subject focus. There is all the journal info such as email, website, phone numbers, and addresses.

Category: Professional writing

Fondiller, Shirley. The Writer's Workbook: Health Professionals' Guide to Getting Published. NY: NLNP, 1992. **Call # RT24.F66 1992**

Summary: The first edition is much better than the 2nd (1999) edition. The first edition is set up like a workbook so you can pick and choose relevant writing and publishing exercises. The writing is good and the information is current.

Category: Professional writing

Gandolfo, Anita. The Nurse's Writing Handbook. Norwalk, Ct: Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1984. **ISBN 0-8385-66997-8 Call # RT.G36 1984**

Summary: While old, this is still a good resource. It's divided into 2 sections: Process and Practice. Its coverage of the writing basics spreads the content thin (there is a section on spelling and punctuation), but there is good overall information to be gleaned from this book: writing tips and explanations of professional uses of writing.

Category: Professional writing

Oerman, Marilyn H. Writing for Publication in Nursing. Philadelphia, PA.: Lippincott Press, 2001. **ISBN 0-7817-2555-0 Call # RT24.O35 2001**

Summary: This is a terrific book. The information is accessible; there are writing exercises, and it's broken down into reasonably sized chapters. A good writing resource.

Category: Academic and Professional writing

Porrier, Gail L. Writing to Learn; Curricular Strategies for Nursing and Other Disciplines. NY, NY: NLN Press,1996. **ISBN 0-88737-723-8 Call # PE1404.P57 1996**

Summary: This is a good resource. It gives you the guidelines to create a writing to-learn-curriculum; then it covers arguments about the various types of writing needed in nursing.

Category: Academic writing

Schneller, Trudy and Goodwin, Christine. Writing Skills for Nurses; A Practical Text/

Workbook, Reston, VA: Reston Publishing Company, Inc, 1983. **CALL # RT24.S36 1983**

Summary: This is mainly a textbook to practice medical writing. It includes sample patient care forms, sample progress notes, and sample blood pressure charts.

Category: Clinical writing

Sheridan, Donna R. and Dowdney, Donna L. How to Write and Publish Articles in Nursing. NY, NY: Springer Publishing Co. 1997. **Call # RT24.S54 1997**

Summary: The writing is kind of dry, but the first chapter "Decide to Write" is very helpful to first time writers and people with writers block.

Category: Academic and Professional writing

Tornquist, Elizabeth M. From Proposal to Publication: an Informal Guide to Writing About Nursing Research. Menlo Park, CA: Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. 1986.

ISBN 0-201-08012-5 Call # RT24.T67 1986

Summary: This is a good reference. Works are broken down so that even a graduate thesis or scholarly article is simplified and approachable.

Category: Academic and professional writing

Web Sites

- All Nurses.com <http://allnurses.com> –The latest in American nursing and health news
- Cybernurse <http://cybernurse.com> –A nursing forum, has a link to Newsletters, journals and nursing blogs.
- Lippincott's Nursing Center <http://www.nursingcenter.com> – Important up-to-date info for all nurses. Has a link to find a mentor within the nursing community.
- Massachusetts Nursing Association <http://www.massnurses.org> – Self explanatory, sponsored by the Mass state govt.
- National Institute of Nursing Research <http://www.nih.gov/ninr> - A NIH sponsored site geared specifically toward nurses.
- National League for Nursing <http://www.nln.org> – Stresses professional development
- National Library of Medicine <http://www.nih.gov> –NIH's website, a good medical Resource.
- National Student Nurses' Association <http://.nsna.org> –A private org website, but has a link that list and has links to all nursing organizations in the United States
- Nurse Zone/ Nurse Career <http://nursezone.com> –Job placement, and nursing lifestyle Issues.
- Nursing Net <http://www.nursingnet.org> – Nursing resources

Other Resources

- Clinical Journal of Oncology; Nursing mentorship program: Links new writers with experienced authors.

Literature Resources

CINAHL <http://www.cinhal.com> Full text resource for most nursing and medical journals

Dissertation abstracts <http://www.umi.com> Search for recent dissertations and order dissertations.

Medical Matrix <http://www.medmatrix.org> Peer-reviewed directory to the medical internet with some full text articles.

National Library of Medicine PubMed www.ncbi.nlm.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=pubmed
Complete journal search engine

On line Registry of Nursing Research <http://www.stti.edu/library> Sigma Theta Tau International's web site and Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library.