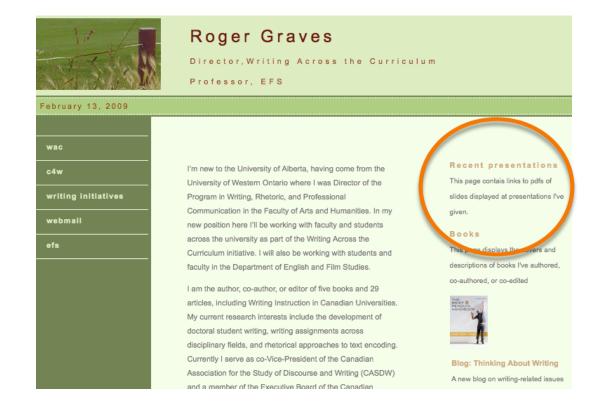


The Scholarly Paper: Evidence-based research papers

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The writing process

Getting started

- Explore the assignment
- Make rough notes
- Pick a tentative topic

Getting feedback

- Make an appointment at the writing centre for later in the week
- Get feedback on your draft/revise

Revising

- Work on style and lower order concerns
- Proofread, consult checklist for assignment



Your assignment

- Select a specific health indicator from the Health Indicators Framework (CIHI, 2003) such as disease, health condition, health behaviour, living/working condition
- Describe which population or sub-population is most vulnerable with regard to this indicator and explain why
- Find and reference 7 credible sources (including the 2 primary studies) plus Hamilton & Bhatti, 1996
- Describe the findings of two primary research studies and using principles of the PHPM explain how these studies or their findings address the health indicator you have chosen and/or the population group that is most vulnerable to this indicator

What are the health determinants?

- Socio-economic status
- 2. Gender
- 3. Education
- 4. Environment—physical and social
- 5. Employment
- 6. Healthy child development
- 7. Genetic endowment (Age +)
- 8. Culture
- Health services
- 10. Social support
- 11. Coping skills

What are some evidence-based interventions?

- Giving the family resources
- Providing education
- Eating breakfast leads to more learning
- Reducing exposure to industrial solvents leads to decreases in cancer rates and/or increases level of conciousness
- Treating addictions leads to greater family functioning



What is the Population Health Promotion Model?

- Framework for health determinants
- Ways for making changes in policies to make healthier communities
- Values and beliefs based—evidence from research
- Strategies: community development leads to healthier people—5 strategies
- Principles of primary health care
- Integrates health promotion with population health

Thesis statements

- Specific
- Manageable
- Interesting



A sample thesis statement

According to new approaches in pain management, nurses must obtain three kinds of knowledge if they are to respond effectively to a patient's pain: knowledge of self, knowledge of pain, and knowledge of standards of care.

Specific Manageable Interesting

[original/passive voice] New approaches to pain management stress three kinds of knowledge for nurses to obtain if they are to respond effectively to a patient's pain: knowledge of self, knowledge of pain, and knowledge of standards of care.

Sample thesis—implied argument

This paper looks at seniors living alone following the death of a spouse and will examine five nursing interventions that meets those specific needs. [descriptive statement]

- I. Support groups
- 2. Financial assistance counseling/advice
- 3. Psychological counseling
- 4. Senior hotline
- 5. Activities/cards/
- 6. Friend and family support

Specific Manageable Interesting



Sample thesis for this assignment

This paper will examine how a specific health indicator—gestational diabetes—influences the health of pregnant women and, after the birth, of their babies.

Step 3: Apply the research

- Introduce the health indicator
- Describe the health indicator fully and explain its implications for the vulnerable group
- Describe the PHPM and identify and explain major factors that create vulnerability
- Describe the research studies and their findings
- Use the PHPM to explain how the research findings from the studies are linked to/affect the health indicator
- Summarize the main points of your paper and suggest further research or nursing action that will improve the health of Canadians



Organizing your paper

See the "Specific Requirements" part of your assignment handout

Abstract

Title

[introduction with thesis statement—no subtitle for this section]

Body

health indicators

PHPM

2 studies + findings

PHPM applied to 2 studies

Conclusion



Drafting/Revising

- ▶ Get a "trusted reader" to get feedback
- Consider using other students in the course or the writing centre for this
- Ask readers to read for specific purposes: thesis, structure, transitions, development of a particular paragraph or idea

Don't hand in a first draft

Towards the due date (Nov. 22), switch your focus from

higher-order concerns (arrangement, arguments, evidence) to

lower-order concerns: proofreading, grammar, citation format, grammar/spelling

