

Assignment guidelines – Introduction to Evidence based practice

A 3,000-word written assignment

The aim of the assignment is to demonstrate that you know how to conduct a detailed literature search. The assignment is as follows:

Conduct a literature search using the skills developed during the module on the topic provided. Explain and reflect on the literature searching process and include a table of the search terms used (see appendix below). Choose 5 pieces of literature from your final search results and describe them, comment on why you chose them, their findings and their relevance to your nursing practice.

100% Weighting

40% Pass Mark

The essay should be referenced throughout using LSBU Harvard referencing – references should be appropriate to the topic – in English, from healthcare and from appropriate sources (peer review, policy etc)

Introduction (approx. 300 words)

Tell the reader which question you are answering

Give a rationale for why the question is important

Introduce the assignment and clearly outline what you aim to do. Tell the reader what will be included in the assignment and in what order.

Introduce, define and discuss the importance of evidence based practice in relation to your field of nursing including the use and definition of evidence based practice

Search (approx. 800 words)

Tell the reader which databases you searched giving a rationale for why you chose them

Outline your inclusion and exclusion criteria with rationale

Introduce your search terms (include truncation), bring in Boolean operators and filters

Outline how you identified your key articles. Include enough detail so that your search could be conducted by the person reading it.

Ensure that the studies you have chosen fit your search criteria.

Discussion (approx. 1000 words)

Describe each study (200 words each) ensuring the description includes:

1. The aim of the study
2. The specific methods used, the population and sample
3. The findings

Conclusion (approx. 300 words)

This should summarise how you conducted the literature search and the results that you found as well as the key points from your articles.

Revisit the original research question to ensure this has been answered.

Implications for practice (approx. 300 words)

Outline the implications for your practice as a nurse.

What implications does the answer to the question have for nurses or services?

What are the gaps in evidence?

How does the process of searching for the evidence inform your practice?

References (word count not included)

Reference the assignment throughout using the LSBU-Harvard system, and include a reference list.

Appendices (word count not included)

Add this table, label it and refer to it in the text

Database Searched	Date Searched	Search Strategy Used <i>(Keywords, phrases, subject terms)</i>	Limits/filters <i>(Date range, language)</i>	No. of Results

General tips:

- Succinct writing: keeping within the word limit (3000 words)
- Good, clear presentation with correct grammar and spelling
- Use supporting references for the points that you make.
- All work must use font size 12 with double spacing
- Avoid using the first person
- Save in word under your student number
- Add completed front page on Moodle

Submitting your assignment

Ensure you give yourself plenty of time to submit your assignment as late submissions will not be marked. Turnitin can be slow on the day of submission!

Submission is before midnight on 15th December 2022.