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### **Introduction**

While writing a Nursing critique paper, attention should be paid to the qualitative and quantitative figures in the findings, in order to analyze the context of such findings. This aspect of critiquing nursing research is crucial, in that it enables nurses to provide the highest quality care to their patients.

### **Discussion**

There are many degree levels of practicing nurses such as diploma, associates, and baccalaureates. According to Altmann nursing field should engage in lifelong learning process and be primarily composed of baccalaureate degree (2012). Currently only half of the nursing field have a baccalaureate degree or higher. The research article “Nurses’ attitudes toward continuing formal education: A comparison by level of education and geography” (Altmann, 2012) takes a close look into nurses reasons for continuing or not continuing education and why it’s important for nurses to continue their education. The concepts of the study are nurses that continue their education level improve patient outcomes but it looks deeper into what drives the nurse to engage in education.

There are various approaches used in the critique of a nursing article. For instance, the best approach requires an individual to begin with an introduction where the purpose of critiquing such an article is stated. They then state the job together with other details of the author of the nursing study. This is done in order to prove whether, or not, the given author has credibility in the nursing world. The next step followed in writing a nursing critique paper is

commenting on the title of the article. This gives a clear outline of the topic, depending on whether it properly characterizes and covers the presented content, together with the subject matter. This step could also include details on whether the presented research is supporting a particular need in the health sector.

If such an article is able to meet the key points stated above, then it will make a high quality nursing document. The third step followed, in order to write a good nursing critique paper, is ensuring that all the stated case studies have participants with great records and achievements in the medical sector. The other step that is followed, in this case, includes judging the abstract on the basis of whether it is sufficient for the research paper presented. In the absence of an introduction in the research document, observe whether the literature review presented serves the purpose of an introduction.

Generally, different procedures could be used in order to analyze and separate a quality nursing critique paper from one of poor quality. This is because various nursing research papers differ from the others, depending on how a particular nurse participated in the research. This, then, determines the quality of output such an individual can present. Nursing critique is crucial in that it improves the overall working of the medical sector, where various nurses struggle to attain excellent nursing research papers.

### **Article Critique**

#### **Article 1: Step-by-step guide to critiquing research. Part 1: Quantitative research. British Journal of Nursing**

This article provides a step-by-step approach to understanding research terminology and provides the nurses with a basis for understanding quantitative research. The article points out

that being able to read nursing research are the first step in incorporating evidence based best practices into nursing care. As referred to in the article, each stage of the process must be thoroughly examined and this article walks the inexperienced nurse through the process.

**Article 2: Critically appraising quantitative research. Nursing & Health Sciences**

Critical appraisal of quantitative research is important to evidence-based practice. It allows a clinician to determine whether a study is scientifically rigorous. This article describes critical appraisal as a careful process of judging the worth of a quantitative study that guide clinical decisions, as well as a structured approach for understanding the strengths and weaknesses of a study. The author describes the process of implementing research appraisal. The author also provides multiple links to critical appraisal tools.

**Article 3: The value of combining qualitative and quantitative approaches in nursing research by means of method triangulation**

This article discusses qualitative and quantitative nursing research. From 1950-1980 most nursing research utilized quantitative research methods, with qualitative methods gaining use after 1980. This article discusses how nursing research can be completed using quantitative and qualitative methods. The authors discuss that if precedence is given to one method over the other, both quantitative and qualitative can work well together. The goal of any nursing research study should be to have accuracy in the data obtained.

**Article 4: Increasing understanding of nursing research for general duty nurses: An experiential strategy. The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing**

This article talks about why it is important, in light of the current push toward evidence-based care, for nurses to understand and partake in research. Because this is such a pressing need there is an increased drive to include education regarding nursing research in continuing education programs for nurses. The article details how one large tertiary care facility incorporated a series of opportunities for their staff nurses to be exposed to and participate in the steps of the nursing research process. The Great Canadian Cookie Project provided the nurses with an opportunity to participate in quantitative research.

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