

APA SAMPLE EDIT #1 – Abstract for Literature Review

Abstract

ADHD, (Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) ~~these are the letters that~~ defines a disorder which affects thousands of children. ~~this~~ This disorder appears to be common in childhood and if not treated ~~ed it in time of~~ when diagnosed, it can become worse ~~when in~~ adolescence or adulthood. Even though there is no cure for it, there exists some feasible solutions that help improve the child's social, educational and emotional aspect. Many doctors, pediatricians and researchers have worked on ~~finding the a cure for patients diagnosed with ADHD of this disorder to try~~ to improve the quality of ~~life their patients' lives. for patients diagnosed with ADHD.~~ Although it is believed that the diagnosis of this mental disorder has been increasing since ~~early of decades,~~ it is also believed to be over evaluated on its. This is why in order to ~~proof prove a child has~~ ADHD ~~on a children,~~ must exist persistent strong evidence ~~that meets the~~ requirements for an appropriate diagnosis ~~must exist.~~ Otherwise in the schools and homes of such children ~~are being raise an~~ awareness ~~must be raised of for~~ the importance of treating the child with this diagnosis, ~~as early and effective as possible.~~ This is why, ~~programs are~~ now ~~are been developed~~ ~~developing~~ effective treatments that help improve patient health and family ~~awareness~~ ~~who's whose~~ individual ~~important importance~~ forms part of improving the ~~child~~ ~~child's chance~~ to get better. Moreover, the ~~drugs used to treat ADHD~~ play an important role in the concentration of the patient, ~~but.~~ ~~With~~ the combination of treatments and drugs, ~~children who suffer from this disorder~~ are permanently cured ~~for these children whom suffer of such disorder.~~

Comment [S1]: AU: Revision okay?

Comment [S2]: AU: Consider specifying which decade(s). The more specific you can be, the better.

Comment [S3]: AU: There seems to be some information missing here. The sentence reads:

"...it is also believed to be over evaluated on its..."

The reader wants to know what is meant by "its".

Perhaps did you mean to say "over diagnosed? If so, consider this revision.

"it is also believed to be over diagnosed."

Comment [S4]: AU: It is probably good to remind the reader that you are referring to drugs used to treat ADHD.

Comment [S5]: AU: This statement may prove problematic as you have stated earlier in your abstract there is no cure.

APA SAMPLE EDIT #2 – School Profile

Jun Zhou

The Developmental Basis for the Need for and Benefits of Arts Programs in Schools
Human Development and Education in the Arts (MAPIA-GE 2010)

Nov 17, 2015

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SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

This elementary school is a public school in New York City. It is located in the downtown Manhattan on Water Street in the neighborhood of financial district. What makes this school special by its location, is that and it's a high-performing neighborhood school in a comfortable, modern building. On the first floor, there are is a big cafeteria and other arts classrooms. A mini-auditorium theater and some regular classrooms are located on the second floor while other classrooms and a big large-scale library are on the third and fourth floors.

Comment [CE7]: Name the elementary school here.
"Red Flag Elementary School"

Comment [CE8]: Are you using the word "arts" to encompass all arts-related classes? If so, consider defining it like so:

"fine and performing arts classrooms"

Comment [CE9]: Consider revising for clarity. It reads as though both the third and fourth floors have a large-scale library.

In the whole school, there are 33 teachers in total, which does not include after school teachers and staffs staff. Among the 33 teachers, three of them are specialists teacher in arts, dance, music, and physical education. (There should have been four teachers for each of those classes, but the school cut the art teacher because of the decreasing enrollment of students this year.) Other than those three specialists, all other teachers-instructors are working as classroom teachers, officers, Librarians-librarians, and etc other support staff. They usually will set Two security guards are usually set at the north and south exits.

Comment [CE10]: Consider deleting. It counteracts your assertion that this is a good school—even if it is not what you meant to suggest.

Comment [CE11]: Consider deleting as it has no frame of reference here. Perhaps use it later in the piece if you plan to discuss why the placement of security guards is important to mention.

If you want to keep it here, consider a way to transition into it such as:

"Two security guards are usually set at the north and south exits for student and school protection."

However—like mentioning a drop in enrollment, it, too suggests another imperfection that may be best developed later in the paper.

Comment [CE12]: Addition OK? Perhaps reword the opening sentence to something like this to avoid starting this paragraph in the same way as the first one.

"The PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) remains strong at Red Flag Elementary School."

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Red Flag Elementary School owns a very strong PTA (Parents-Parent-Teacher Association). They have more than 60% of parents get involved to help their school work, who and they have meet six times meetings for per each semester. Most of their main job is to encourage parents to donate money to offer fund better study environments and enhance their

children's education ~~as much as possible~~. According to the report this year, 72% of parents said they attended at least one PTA meeting in the last school year. In addition, the school encourages more than 90% ~~families parent to~~ involvement in school support activities at least three times ~~in~~ during the school year, which is beyond 75% of the citywide average ~~figure~~.

Comment [CE13]: Did you mean to say "parent" here?

APA SAMPLE EDIT #3 (with commentary as structural analysis) – Registered Nurses and Hospital-Acquired Infections

Does the educational level of the nurse, Registered versus Licensed Practical or Licensed Vocational, positively promote a decrease in hospital-acquired infections?

Problem Statement

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported that almost 1.7 million patients acquire infections while being hospitalized for non-susceptible illness or injury, with nearly 88,000 dying from these infections (Miller, 2013). These infections are classified as hospital acquired infections (HAIs). They and are responsible for a significant amount of harm and contribute to the high cost of health care (Hassan, 2010). Several studies have indicated that patients of registered nurses (RNs) have lower incidences of hospital-acquired infections versus patients of licensed practical nurses/licensed vocational nurses (LVNs/LPNs/LPNs/LVNs). A landmark study conducted by the *New England Journal of Medicine* indicated that hospitals with a higher number of RNs had fewer serious complications (Needleman et al., 2011). Another study conducted by Buerhaus et al., (2011) indicated that hospitals with higher RNs staffing levels had lower mortality rates than hospitals with lower RN staffing levels. (2011). Researchers reconfirmed these results in 2002 at Harvard and Vanderbilt Universities (Costello, 2002). This literature review will explore research studies to determine if the educational level of the nurse, registered versus licensed practical or licensed vocational, positively promotes a decrease in hospital-acquired infections.

Organizational Headings

In this literature review 10 studies were reviewed/examined. Seven articles studied/study the nursing workforce, and the educational and RN staffing levels impact on patient outcomes.

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In your abstract you should have 150 to 200 and all abbreviations and acronyms defined in the abstract as well.

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The remaining three discussed the cost of HAIs on hospitalized patients, the evidence-based practices to reduce HAIs and the effects of nurse staffing levels on HAIs in for-profit (FP)

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Mark, B. A., & Harless, D. W. (2007). Nurse staffing, mortality, and length of stay in for-profit and not-for-profit hospitals. *Inquiry: A Journal of Medical Care Organization*, 44(2),

Comment [S17]: AU: Some of your journal citations do not have DOIs. Some may be print, but you might want to double check.

Comment [S18]: AU: See comment S4.

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GOOD THINGS

Good intro and Conclusion – consider making the introduction the abstract or writing an abstract—see the side comments in the report.

Excellent organizational structure and development of the topic.

The development of the topic examines well the points made, the contradictions in the research as well as the minimal amounts or lack of research available to support some assertions. This is an informative, insightful report that covers all the variables and provides rationale in a concise document that can be used to start and inform future studies.

THINGS THAT NEED WORK

Again --- Good intro – consider making it the abstract or writing an abstract—see the side comments in the report.

You might want to summarize the variables examined in the report in your conclusion--- just a sentence or two.

A couple of the reviews could benefit from a little more information. Consider adding details on how, why and/or what in the review supports an assertion. Consider stating what review you are talking about at the beginning of each entry instead of saying “This review states...”

Check for transitions and connections between ideas.

Consider adding information from the research to connect unrelated ideas.

Avoid repeating the same word several times in the same sentence

Overall--- a very educational paper