Getting ready for the writing season—tips to improve your chances with the publisher

Tips from an editor

1. **Follow the guidelines.** Do not go over the word limit. Do use the referencing style they request.

2. **Include a synopsis of the paper’s contribution to the field in the submission letter.** Keep it brief, but highlight the paper’s contribution to the field.

3. **Remember—being asked to revise and resubmit is not letting you down easy.** Rather, the editor is saying “I think this article has real potential so we will invest another dozen or two hours in it.”

4. **Do not criticize the reviewer—they will not change their mind.** It is understandable to sometimes feel annoyed when receiving negative feedback. However, do not hit the send button!

Helpful hints for planning

- Pick the topic
- Think about who the audience is and pick the journal accordingly
- Decide what type of article will you write (i.e. primary research, reviews, case studies, letter to the editor)?
  - Obtain the guidelines for authors
  - Identify key messages—ask “what will my readers want to know?”
- Create a working title—you can change it later
- Share your ideas with others you can trust
- Contact the editor to discuss your paper—is there any interest?
- Look for articles on similar topics and see how your article compares
- Draft an outline

References:


Upcoming Events

**Seminar Series**

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
Presenter: Kathryn Chachula  
Topic: Best Practice in Simulation: Faculty of Health Studies Simulation Laboratory Official Launch  
Time: 12:00 — 1:00 p.m.  
Place: HSB 045 Join by ZOOM as well  
Meeting ID: 299 658 0246  
*Meet the Health Studies METIman™ following the presentation*

**Research Interest Group**

Date: Monday, February 29  
Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Place: HSB 045 Join by ZOOM as well  
Meeting ID: 818 760 736

The Research Enhancement Conference is coming! Please let me know your research learning needs and I will bring them forward to the committee.

Congratulations to:

**Poster Presentation:**

Dr. Kathryn Hyndman presented a poster at the WNRCASN conference on February 17-19, 2016 on *Tobacco Intervention Education for Health Professional Students: Implementing a Joanna Briggs Institute Systematic Review Protocol*

**Presentations:**

Mary Smith presented at the WNRCASN conference on February 19, 2016 on *The Lived Experience of Transition from Practicing LPN to BN Student*

**Publications:**

