

WRITING FOR PUBLICATION

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BEFORE YOU START

- Choose the journal you are writing for
- Choose a journal that matches your writing style, has complementing content, reaches your target audience and has a similar research emphasis and philosophy
- Check recent papers in chosen journal
- **CHECK THE AUTHOR'S GUIDELINES!!**

THE PROCESS

- Most eminent journal involve a peer review process
- 2-3 reviewers and the editor will review papers submitted
- Peer reviewers are blinded
- Publication will occur if reviewers and editor are satisfied with the product

CONTENT AND FORMAT

- Is the content appropriate for publication in this journal?
- Does the paper make an original or significant contribution to specialist knowledge?
- Is the paper written in an appropriate scholarly style?
- Is the syntax correct?

CONTENT AND FORMAT

- Are presented ideas logically connected?
- Is the paper unambiguous and lucid throughout?
- Is the paper repetitive or unnecessarily wordy?
- Is there an appropriate critical review of the literature/current state of knowledge?

CONTENT AND FORMAT

- Are all tables and figures relevant and supportive of the narrative?
- Are pertinent and current references cited where appropriate and according to guidelines of referencing?
- Does the paper respect confidentiality and reflect accepted ethical standards and legal requirements?

RESEARCH PAPERS

- Was ethics approval obtained for the study?
- Are the research questions clearly stated, appropriate and justified by the literature?
- Are the concepts of interest (variables, phenomena) clearly defined?
- Are the research design and methods consistent and adequately defined?

RESEARCH PAPERS

- Are the sampling procedure and sample adequately described and relevant to the design?
- Are the data analysis procedures appropriate and adequate?
- Are the data adequately described and are the results clear?

RESEARCH PAPERS

- Is the interpretation and discussion of the data appropriate and consistent, and related to previous literature/knowledge?
- Are the limitations of the study adequately described?
- Are the conclusions consistent with the results and interpretation?
- Are implications for practice and recommendations for further research stated?

REVIEW/SCHOLARLY PAPERS

- Is the review question/case study relevant and important to practice?
- Is the process for the selection of papers for review adequately described?
- Does the paper provide appropriate synthesis of themes from the literature?

REVIEW/SCHOLARLY PAPERS

- Is there adequate critical appraisal and analysis of the literature?
- Presents opposing arguments and refutes or addresses challenging ideas convincingly?
- Are the findings, implications for practice and recommendations for further research stated?

WHY NOT PUBLISH?

- It can represent hours of pain and hard work!!!
- Feeling that 'everyone knows' what is being written about
- Concern that methodology will be critiqued
- A lack of confidence
- A lack of time

WHY NOT PUBLISH?

- Fear of peer review
- The prevailing culture and lack of support
- A research project may need to be remodelled and have things cut out for a published paper

MOST COMMON MISTAKES

- Not meeting journal guidelines
- Fragmentation of ideas/approach causing lack of 'readability'
- Inadequately described methodology
- Secondary sourcing
- Incomplete references
- Unnecessarily long reference list

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Contact editor for further information
- Contact peer reviewer in your state
- Develop a critiquing process through friends or colleagues
- Be familiar with the journal you wish to publish in
- **ADHERE TO THE JOURNAL GUIDELINES**