

***APA Style: An Overview of Reference Citations**

Although there are other methods of citing publications in manuscripts (e.g. Chicago style, MLA, etc.), one of the most widely accepted methods is APA (American Psychological Association) style. Your knowledge of APA style of writing becomes increasingly important as you write additional research papers in your undergraduate and graduate education.

For purposes in our ED 381 class, the most common references you will likely be using include: periodicals/journals, books, and the Internet. For ED 702, you may also be citing a variety of other resources including, but not limited to: video tapes, government reports or documents, conferences, workshops, and unpublished research.

Below are some basic examples of commonly used citations done in APA style. [Note that there are very specific methods of capitalizing, italicizing, indentation, and pagination. Citing multiple references for a resource or reference list requires that the references be listed in alphabetical order by the first letter of the citation \(i.e. author's last name, etc.\).](#)

For more information about how to cite various reference sources as well as how to prepare manuscripts for a variety of publications, consult the APA manual referenced below*.

1. Reference to a journal article sample citation (one author):

Shaw, P. A. (2004). Death and divorce: Teaching dilemmas or teachable moments? *Kappa Delta Pi Record*, 40(4), 165-169.

2. Reference to a journal article sample citation (two authors):

St. Maurice, H., & Shaw, P. (2004). Teacher portfolios come of age: A preliminary study. *NASSP Bulletin*, 88(639), 15-25.

3. Reference to an entire book:

Eker, T. H. (2005). *Secrets of the millionaire mind*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, Inc.

4. Reference to an edited book:

Hayes, E. & Flannery, D. D. (2000). *Women as learners: The significance of gender in adult learning*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, Inc.

5. Reference to a chapter within a book:

Hayes, E. (2000). Social contexts. In E. Hayes & D. D. Flannery, *Women as learners: The significance of gender in adult learning* (pp. 23-52). San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, Inc.

6. *Reference to an Internet-only journal** (p. 272 of APA manual):

Fredrickson, B. L. (2000, March 7). Cultivating positive emotions to optimize health and well-being. *Prevention & Treatment*, 3, Article 0001a. Retrieved November 20, 2000, from <http://journals.apa.org/prevention/volume3/pre0030001a.html>

7. Reference to a video (p. 266, APA manual):

Scorsese, M. (Producer), & Lonergan, K. (Writer/Director). (2000). *You can count on me* [Motion picture]. United States: Paramount Pictures.

8. Reference to a presentation:

Riggs, L. (2006, Feb.). *Technology in education: Hot software*. Presented to Block 1, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Resource:

**Publication manual of the American psychological association* (5th

ed.). (2001). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Web address: www.apa.org

****Note:** citations of web and internet-based sources vary with the type of source. Consult the APA manual for accuracy in citing such resources.