

## APA STYLE CHANGES 2009 (6<sup>th</sup> ed.)

APA put out a first printing of the sixth edition of its style manual in July, 2009. In August, it released a second printing which included many corrections. The full list of corrections, and corrected versions of the manual's sample papers, can be downloaded from the last link on the following page:

<http://www.apastyle.org/manual/supplement/index.aspx>

This handout notes major changes to the sixth edition, revised, where necessary, in accordance with the second printing.

### Reference Page

1. Digital object identifiers (DOIs) used where possible for print and nonprint sources (*Manual, p.188*).  

Barton, S., & Barry, G. B. (2007). Caregiver respite programs and pain levels in terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology, 23*, 301-324. doi: 10.1042/0341-5344.17.2.344
2. URL of journal homepage used when no DOI is available (*Manual, p.188*).  

Murray, M. & O'Keefe, C. (2007). Transforming time. *Scientific Speculation, 12*(5). 68-79. Retrieved from <http://www.speculation.org/>
3. Database information not usually included (*Manual, p.192*).
4. Retrieval dates not included unless source is expected to change (*Manual, p.192*).
5. Multiauthor citations include names and initials for up to **seven** authors. (*Manual, p. 198*).  

Grainger, H., Potter, H., Weasley, R., Finnegan, S., Norman, L., Patil, P., & Longbottom, N. (2008). Peer support as a predictor of academic achievement. *Education Weekly, 35* (2), 32-45.
6. Multiauthor citations for **eight or more** authors replace all names after the sixth and before the last with an ellipsis (*Manual, p. 198*).  

Grainger, H., Potter, H., Weasley, R., Finnegan, S., Norman, L., Patil, P., . . . Lovegood, L. (2009). Peer support as a predictor of academic achievement. *Education Weekly, 36* (4), 41-52.

7. Type of nonroutine source listed in square brackets after title (*Manual, p.186*).

College of Nurses of Ontario. (2004). *Practice standard; Therapeutic nurse-patient relationship* [Brochure].

### Manuscript Preparation

8. A running head in capital letters appears in the header of every page, at left. The running head is the paper's title, shortened if necessary. Your shortened title can be no more than 50 characters including punctuation and spaces between words. The page number appears alone, at right (*Manual, p. 49*).

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9. Two spaces follow punctuation marks at the end of a sentence (*Manual, p. 88*).
10. Simplified rules for headings use the same sequence of headings no matter how many subsections each has (*Manual, pp. 62-3*).

### Organization

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**Helpful Features: *Sample Papers pp. 41-59 (but check APA website for corrections!), Citation Chart p. 177***