



CNA-Q's Advanced

Writing Centre

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What is CNAQ?



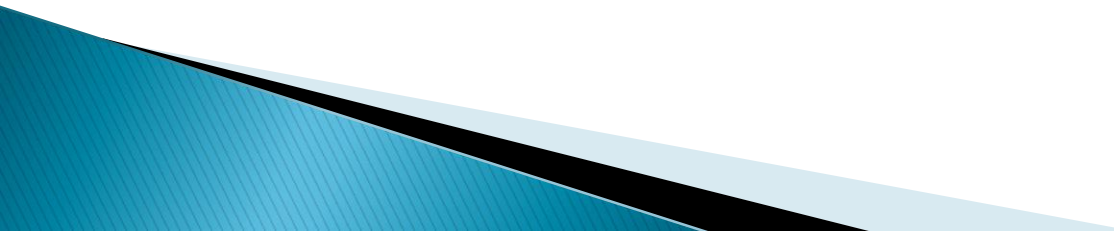
College of the North–Atlantic–Qatar (CNAQ)

- Qatar's premier comprehensive technical college
 - 400+ faculty
 - 2300+ students
- Combines a Canadian curriculum and industry expertise in 4 program areas:
 - Health Sciences
 - Information Technology
 - Engineering Technology
 - Business Studies

Students' Research Requirements




Requirements

- vary across schools
 - annotated bibliographies, formal/informal reports, and **tech theses** using secondary (library) research
 - typically 1500–2500 words **
 - one semester courses (15 weeks)
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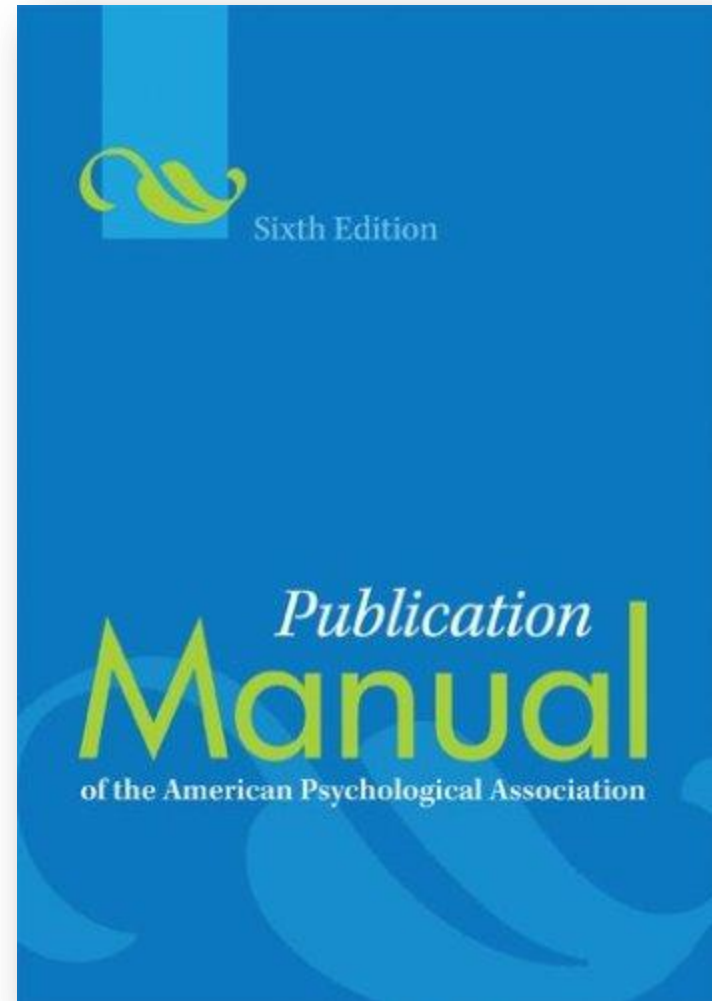
Students' Research Challenges



Challenges

- The research process
 - defining/narrowing topic
 - developing thesis
 - using library
 - evaluating sources
 - **paraphrasing**
 - **incorporating research into essays**
 - **citing**
 - **referencing**
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Why APA?




<http://www.psych.ualberta.ca/~ITL/InfoLit%20v.2.0/images/apa-manual.jpg>

Why APA? cont'd

It is the commonly used reference style in **business** and **nursing**, and, like others, it is a technique which is used to:

- improve the quality of written work;
- facilitate the comprehension of written work by the people who assess it;
- provide pointers to the original sources;
- guard against academic misconduct, including plagiarism.

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- Pre-Advanced Writing Centre there was little consistency within departments or across campus
 - Evolved specifically in response to CM faculty needs
 - Initially adopted campus wide (engineering later excepted)
 - Students struggle with general concept and with particulars
 - Tip sheets developed – [See Handouts](#)
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Thank you!

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