

## Literature Review Abstract Scoring Rubric

Scoring Guide: Meets Criteria = (2); Partially Meets Criteria = (1); Absent or Inadequate = (0)

	Meets Criteria (2)	Partially Meets Criteria (1)	Absent or Inadequate (0)	Score:
<b>Introduction</b> 20% of total score	Thorough evaluation of the existing literature that informs the goal of the paper; problem statement is reasonable and clearly defined; objective/aims are reasonable and clearly defined and linked to the problem statement	Some evaluation of the existing literature done, but does not seem to inform goals of the paper; some attempt to define the problem statement and objective/aims but still unclear	Minimal or no evaluation of the existing literature done; objective/aims are poorly defined and/or unachievable or not listed	
<b>Methods</b> 20% of total score	Complex search strategy defined and exact search terms/phrases are included (use of MeSH / subject headings, etc.); searched multiple academic databases, including PubMed, CINAHL, & Cochrane Database; lists inclusion/exclusion criteria	Competent search strategy including some search terms/phrases; searched multiple academic databases but may not have included/utilized all appropriate search venues; inclusion and exclusion criteria are missing or not clearly defined	No methods are listed or performed a single keyword search only; only searched with Google, Google Scholar and/or PubMed	
<b>Results</b> 20% of total score	Literature is well organized and explained; includes exact numbers of articles reviewed; synthesizes diverse results into something new and relevant	Literature is organized; there was an attempt to synthesize results but misses some key points	Literature is loosely organized or listed "book report" style with no synthesis, organization or original thought.	
<b>Discussion</b> 20% of total score	Clearly synthesizes and relates findings to the current literature; draws a new conclusion; identifies gaps in current research and next steps for future research	Summarizes information but does not adequately synthesize results with current literature	Unclear synthesis of findings with current literature; only a rehashing of results; no new conclusions are drawn	
<b>Writing Style</b> 20% of total score	Concise and well written, no errors, between 300-350 words	Minor grammar and spelling errors, writing is overly wordy, between 250-300 words	Major grammar and spelling errors, writing lacks significant editing or editing was not done, less than 250 words	