

APA College Writing Format Sample Page for Writing Assignment

For many of you this may be your first introduction to the citation and essay format developed by the American Psychological Association, informally known as "APA".

APA format standards are a widely-adopted framework for defining almost everything about a research paper or publication article from page layout through to references and appendices. It provides reviewers, readers, and researchers alike with a common framework for identifying the important elements of any research paper without forcing them to decipher any individual stylings.

While prevalent in University settings, it is also gaining popularity in secondary and continuing education.

What this means for you is that we have some simple expectations with respect to assignment formatting.

This link takes you to the [Online Writing Lab at Purdue University](#); one of the most popular online references for APA formatting.

In addition, <http://flash1r.apa.org/apastyle/basics/index.htm> is a video APA basic's to enhance the information from Purde University. You are encouraged to make use of this reference guide as you plan and write your assignments.

NOTE: While APA format adherence may be a relatively small percentage of the overall mark for your assignment, your ability to structure and format your assignments is critical to ensuring that your instructor(s) can interpret your intent *and* can easily discern your reference materials. Please direct any additional questions about APA formatting to your instructor.

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Auto Technician Program

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Auto Mechanics is an interesting field to me. I decided to explore the topic a little more to get a better understanding of what it would take to become one. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an auto mechanic is a technician that inspects, maintains and repair automobiles and light trucks that run on gasoline, electricity or other alternative fuels, like ethanol. Auto mechanics play a very important role in maintaining and keeping vehicles up and running efficiently. The field of auto mechanics reveals a long history, specialized schooling and strong career objectives for anyone that would like to choose this field as a career.

There are certain requirements you have to get to become an auto mechanic. A student can get the basics of automobile repair by taking a vocational class in high school. The course is not really considered training but it gives you a basic knowledge of what a mechanic does. To be considered a qualified auto mechanic you will have to complete training at a post- secondary school or community college.

Many post-secondary schools have 6 months to 1 year of intense training. The community college usually offers an associate degree for this field and it usually takes 2 years to complete the coursework. With this type of training you are getting the most up to date training that you will need when you are using with computer systems to detect problems with cars. Another form of training involves working as an apprentice to a master technician.

When all the formal training is completed and a mechanic is considered certified they will receive ASE certification.

This stands for Automobile Service Excellence certification. The Bureau of Labor statistics suggests that individuals who live in large cities should get certified to help them with their search for jobs (2008). An auto mechanics basic job function is performed in some type of repair shop. Many mechanics work 40 hours per week.

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