

Annotated Bibliography

An annotated bibliography is a list of references to journals, academic books, articles and documents that you have researched and evaluated. The purpose of the annotated bibliography is to assist in developing your skills with academic research which can then further develop your academic reading and writing skills. As you are now embarking on completing tasks at academic level, for example, diploma or degree, the purpose of completing the annotated bibliography is to focus upon how relevant the information that you have selected and how appropriate it is for the audience that it has been written for, for example, Doctors, Nurses, Physiotherapists.

The purpose of the annotation (usually about 200-300 words) is to inform the reader of the accuracy and relevance of the research that has been selected. An annotation enables you to become critical and look in depth at articles and journals that you have selected for your respective topic. When writing the annotation try to be concise, you are not writing an essay, just a summary. The annotation can then provide the reader with a general idea of any advantages or disadvantages of the respective research, for example, is the research easy to understand? Is it specific only to Health Care Professionals, for example, Nurses, Doctors? Is it visual? Is the language basic? Is the wording, language used in the text complicated?

An annotated bibliography is usually presented in alphabetical order and this will enable the structure to develop into an accurate, correct order.

An example of an annotated bibliography can be seen below:

Rinds, G. (2009) 'Exploring recent developments in manual handling' *Nursing & Residential Care*. 11(6) pp. 312 – 315.

This article is appropriate for the Health Care Professional due to the author, Gitte Rinds, being employed as an independent occupational therapist with various professional qualifications. The layout is easy to understand: bullet points are used and clear headings are also used to enable the reader to develop knowledge of the topic. There is also a diagram which can then enable the reader to have a better understanding, and awareness, of how to use different respective manual handling equipment. The information has been broken down into manageable sections and the language is appropriate for all readers to gain a general understanding of recent developments in manual handling.

The information provided within the article is up-to-date (2009) and it also advises the reader of current developments for manual handling, for example, a Japanese Robot suit being tested, HAL 5, and how other further developments are also being introduced. Although the information is informative, within the article, it could also be argued that it could also be more specific regarding whether the equipment that is being used is of definite benefit to the patient.