The next step of the Academic Writing Process?

- **Research Strategy:** Finding recent, relevant, credible sources
- **Active Reading and Note-Taking**
- **Paraphrasing and Grouping Main Ideas/Information**
- **Write First Draft**
  - Focus: Structure, content and order of information is the priority
- **Write Second Draft**
  - Focus: Paragraph level - cohesion, referencing, integration of evidence
- **Write Final Draft**
  - Focus: Sentence level - grammar, punctuation, spelling, presentation
- **Finalise Draft**
  - Essay plan: Toggling back and forth over the first 4 steps
- **Topic**
  - Break down the task
- **Write Final Draft**
  - Planning: More planning, organising, reviewing, writing, re-writing
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The Research Strategy. effective searching for credible information: identifying the search terms.

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Learning Outcomes

- How to break down the assignment question into the key concepts or parts of the question.
- How to create a logic grid of search terms.
The Research Strategy Process:

- Analyse your topic
- Plan your search
- Decide where to search
- Evaluate and Manage
Step 1: Analyse your assignment for the key topics
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The Essay Question:
Using essay format and correct in-text and end-text referencing outline some of the key advantages and risks of using social media within the nursing profession. Discuss how social media impacts on the student nurse giving examples.

Key topics or concepts that you require to find information on are:

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In order to discuss how social media impacts on the student nurse giving examples, then you will require to research the concepts of:

Social media
AND
Nursing profession
AND
Advantages OR risks.

Make sense?
Step 1: Identify search terms

Ask yourself:
What other words or terms could I use for each of the concepts?

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What do you already know about this topic?
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ask yourself what other words could be used to describe social media or the nursing profession?
Step 2: Plan your Search: identify search terms

Mind mapping is a great tool for this task.

In doing this you will also start to build some knowledge on the topic.
Step 2: Plan your Search: identify search terms

You will probably be asking yourself:

But where do I find all these alternative search terms?

- Dictionaries & Encyclopaedias
- Your Unit Reading List for text Book(s) or Journal articles
- Websites
- Background reading/at your tutorials
Step 2: Plan your Search: identify search terms

**Dictionaries & Encyclopaedias:**
Use these to source the meaning of terminology. Some are e-versions.

- **Dictionaries**
  - Australian nurse's dictionary
  - Black's medical dictionary
    - Available online.
  - Dictionary of nursing theory and research
  - Mosby’s dictionary of medicine, nursing & health professions
  - Taber’s cyclopedic medical dictionary
    - Available online

- **Encyclopaedias**
  - The encyclopedia of elder care (electronic resource): the comprehensive resource on geriatric health and social care
    - 3rd ed. 2014
  - Nursing leadership (electronic resource): a concise encyclopedia
    - 2nd ed. 2012
  - The Sage encyclopedia of qualitative research methods
    - Available online
  - Encyclopedia of diseases and disorders
    - Available online

**Books:**
A good starting point for an introduction to the topic such as background information, theories, frameworks and overviews.

Your Reading List in Blackboard includes recommended texts for your Unit.

*ECU Worldsearch* is also a good place to search for terms.
Step 2: Plan your Search: identify search terms

It is quite useful at this step of the research process to include a Google search for each of the concepts. It is an easy way to find alternative terms for the concepts.

A quick search using the Google search engine for the term Social Media provided the alternative terms:
Social networking
Facebook (being a social media platform)
Twitter etc.
Step 2: is there a place for Wikipedia?

Wikipedia only the planning stage!

Wikipedia articles can be useful to gain a quick overview of the topic, and/or to find alternative terms/keywords for your search strategy. Remember anyone can write a Wikipedia article, so will it be accurate?

Quality Wikipedia articles will contain references to their sources - listed at the bottom of each page. They can often be credible quality sources of information that you can cite in your assignments.

Note: If the information available in Wikipedia is accurate, it will always be available as a scholarly source, such as a book, Journal Article and/or a quality website. Do not use a Wikipedia source as supporting evidence in your assignment, always use the scholarly source.

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You could end up with something like this:

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Step 2: Plan your Search: identify search terms

Or you may have identified some advantages and risks:

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There is no exact logic grid of search terms and as you search these may change to
Where to from here?

Now that you have a logic grid of search terms.

The next step is to create a search strategy using smart searching tips and Boolean Operators.

Unsure what these are and how to use them? Take a few moments to view the other learning material within this sub-module.