

SAMPLE UNIT

AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO FORMAT AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

Name:

Date:

Example question, appropriate use of an in-text citation, and inclusion of a reference section:

1. How do you write a question that meets the “A” criteria?

To receive the most benefit from a course, students should attempt to meet the “A” criteria. Students who receive an “A” submit work that reflects superior organizational skills in content, format and written communication. They will answer all aspects of the question and demonstrate and show understanding of course content and theory. An answer, which shows the most depth of understanding, will integrate course content, readings and experiences. Whenever possible, students should use appropriate personal experiences to round out their question. This demonstrates comprehension and helps the student reflect and integrate early childhood practice into their daily lives. Students should also provide examples to define and clarify the meaning of their responses. An “A” criteria answer reflects research by properly acknowledging references (Pacific Rim Student Information Package, 2022). Research can be done through online journal articles or in libraries. There are also many useful links on our link page at www.earlychildhoodeducator.com. All responses that from the textbooks, course materials, and external resources must be paraphrased (do not use direct quotes), cited, and referenced in APA.

References

Pacific Rim Early Childhood Institute. (2022). *Student Handbook Information Package*. Retrieved January 20, 2022 from https://www.earlychildhoodeducator.com/static/downloads/Student_Handbook_Information_Package.pdf

Submission Reminders

Before submitting, please ensure you include an APA [reference section](#) at the end of each unit. The reference section should include all resources that you used and cited for your responses. This will typically be the textbook and any additional resources cited in your responses and used to complete the unit assignment.

Any sentence in your response that you paraphrased from another source (e.g. the textbook) should include an [in-text citation](#) at the end of each paraphrased sentence. In-text citations are not required for responses or parts of responses that are based on opinions or personal experiences.

[Paraphrasing](#) is putting the information you are reading in your own words - at the end of your answers, you will include an in-text citation (the author's last name and publication year in brackets). For example:

When educators maintain positive, inclusive relationships with young children, this supports social and emotional development (Smith, 2020).

[Direct quoting](#) is taking an excerpt of text (word for word) from the reading – refrain from using direct quotes. If used at all, they should only be used very rarely. If you do use a direct quote, you must include an in-text citation with the page number (the author's last name, publication year, and page number in brackets. For example:

When educators maintain "positive, inclusive relationships with young children", this supports social and emotional development (Smith, 2020, p. 71).