

4

Literature Reviews

Literature Review Steps

Richard E. West, Brigham Young University

Problem Statement

2-3 page summary of the gap in the literature, your review question, and why you think it matters to the audience you have chosen.

1. Define the problem



2. Literature Searching

Methods Section

A detailed description of your review methods. Usually 1-2 pages.

3. Summarizing

Annotated Bibliography



Detailed annotations and critiques of 3 sources. You will have more, but will practice the skill with 3.

4. Defining the argument

Simple Outline

A simple outline is usually 1-2 pages, focusing on broad ideas that are just emerging and what your discovery and advocacy arguments will be.

Extended Outline

An extended outline of 5-7 pages showcases your logical reasoning and the overall flow of your paper

5. Detailed Argument



6. Drafting

Seek feedback from experts, semi-experts, and non-experts. For us this is:

- **Draft 1** to peers (15 pages)
- **Draft 2** to Rick (20 pages)
- **Draft 3** to peers (25 pages)
- **Final version** to Rick

Communicate through visuals, publishing your paper, and presentations with visual storytelling.

7. Communicate your findings!

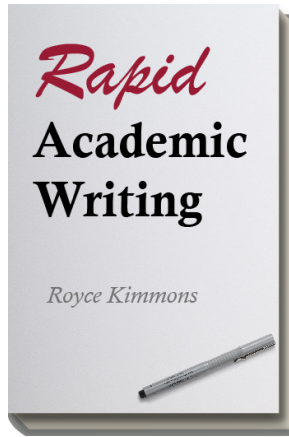


The chapters in this section are adapted from the open textbook *Literature reviews for education and nursing graduate students* by Frederiksen and Phelps, which was licensed under

a CC BY license. The original open textbook may be cited and found at the following location:

Frederiksen, L., & Phelps, S. F. (n.d.). *Literature reviews for education and nursing graduate students*. PressBooks.

Retrieved from <https://edtechbooks.org/-mj>



Kimmons, R. (2018). *Rapid Academic Writing*.
EdTech Books. Retrieved from
<https://edtechbooks.org/rapidwriting>



CC BY: This book is released under a CC BY license, which means that you are free to do with it as you please as long as you properly attribute it.

