

Literature Review to Poster Class Syllabus

Session: October 8, 2026 - January 21, 2027

	DATE	TOPICS & ACTIVITIES	IN-CLASS WORK SESSION	ASSIGNMENT & DUE DATE	LOCATION
1	10/8	Introduction: Course overview, overview of the literature review process, types of literature reviews, forming your research question. Learn “track changes.”	Small groups with co-instructors forming research questions, write questions on white board	Research Question Due Sunday 10/11	Auditorium B
2	10/15	Method of Search Strategy: Searching databases, search strategies, key words, managing results and documenting decisions.	Pubmed and CINAHL database guided search	Search Strategy Tracker Due Sunday 10/18	Rubin 383
3	10/22	Find, Read and Categorize Articles: Creating a spreadsheet to record key findings. Learn footnotes.	Start using your Target Articles Spreadsheet to record your target articles. Start Methods section using Poster Text Document.	Methods section of Poster Text Document Due Sunday 10/25	Rubin 383
4	10/29	Find, Read and Categorize Articles: Creating a spreadsheet to record key findings.	Continue using Target Articles Spreadsheet to record target articles. Write Background section using Poster Text Document.	Background section of Poster Text Document Due Sunday 11/1	Rubin 383
5	11/5	Focus on the most important findings Select a conference; find poster specifications and submission deadlines.	Continue using Target Articles Spreadsheet to record target articles. Write Findings section using Poster Text Document. Choose conference you will submit poster to.	Target Article Spreadsheet Due Sunday 11/8	Rubin 852
11/12 (BREAK) - NO CLASS					
6	11/19	Displaying Your Findings: Poster template workshop; analyze example posters. Guided chart and graph creation	Work on posters with support. Find graphics, images, and what type of chart or graph suits your findings.	Findings section of Poster Text Document and updated Target Articles Spreadsheet Due Sunday 11/22	Rubin 383
11/26 (THANKSGIVING) - NO CLASS					
7	12/3	Discussion and looking ahead at poster printing, poster celebration	Present incomplete posters to the group for preliminary critique	Discussion section of Poster Text Document Due Sunday 12/6	Rubin 383
8	12/10	Poster Drafting: Looking ahead at poster printing, poster celebration	Present nearly complete posters to the group for friendly critique	First draft of poster and conference selection Due Sunday 12/13	Rubin 383
9	12/17	Poster Refinement: Refine posters based on feedback; prepare final versions	Present nearly complete posters to the group for friendly critique	Second draft of poster Due Sunday 12/20	Cardiac Surgery Conference Room
12/24 (CHRISTMAS EVE) - NO CLASS					
12/31 (NEW YEAR'S EVE) - NO CLASS					
10	1/7	Final Touches: Tips for public speaking and poster sessions	Practice public speaking	Final draft of poster is for printing Due Friday 1/15	Rubin 383
	1/21	Celebration & Poster Sessions: Final poster and podium presentations; families invited			12:00-2:00 in Aud E, 5:00 – 7:00 in Aud A/B and Fuller Board Room