

Day 2

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# HEALTHCARE ASSISTANTS' APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME:

## ACADEMIC SKILLS - PLAGIARISM / SIMILARITY

# PLAGIARISM – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



- *To take and use as one's own, the thoughts, writings or inventions of another (Oxford English Dictionary)<sup>1</sup>*
- *Presenting someone else's work as one's own irrespective of intention (UWL)<sup>2</sup>*

Examples:

- Copying words/phrases from a text and not acknowledging the source
- Re-using text or images from the internet and not acknowledging the source
- Copying the work of another student without acknowledgement (including collusion)
- Re-using your own work (eg from another ressay) without acknowledging (self-plagiarism)
- Moving around the text of others to create your “own” text
- Using “essay writing services”
- See <https://www.bangor.ac.uk/studyskills/study-guides/avoiding-plagiarism.php.en>

1. Cited in Cowen, Maier & Price, 2009, p. 319.

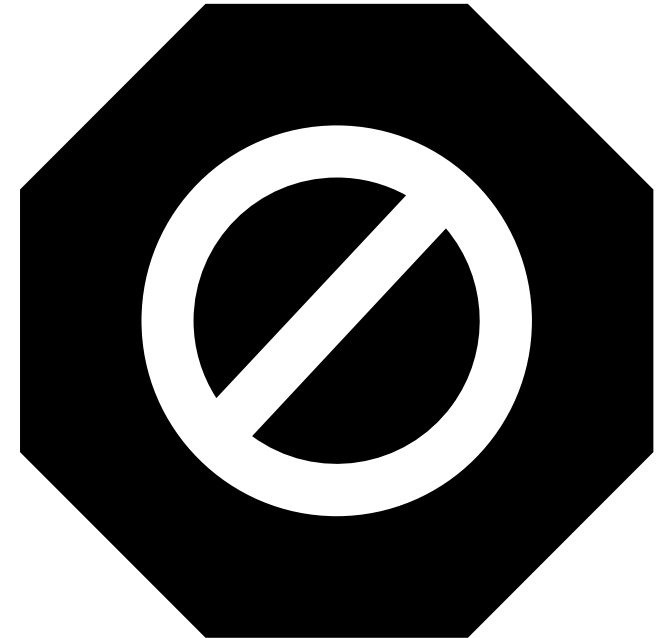
2. UWL, 2018



HOW COULD YOU  
AVOID PLARIAGISM?

# HOW TO PREVENT PLAGIARISM...

- Be organized when collecting information for your essay; note the texts and sources that you're using as you go along so that you have a record when writing up your essay
- Try and develop good summary skills, ie putting information in your own words... And remember, no one is expecting you to write better than any of the authors
- **Reference** all of your work



# SIMILARITY - TURNITIN



**Turnitin** is used to check the “similarity” of a student’s work compared to other works. It matches the text against:

- A database of previously submitted work from every institution that subscribes to Turnitin
- Current and archived internet pages
- Databases of journals and periodicals

The software then produces a report with an overall percentage similarity score.

# TURNITIN - SIMILARITY SCORE RANGES



- **Blue:** No matching text
- **Green:** One word to 24% matching text
- **Yellow:** 25-49% matching text
- **Orange:** 50-74% matching text
- **Red:** 75-100% matching text

Example:

TITLE	SIMILARITY
Submission	0% 
Submission	6% 
Submission	43% 
Submission	58% 
Submission	80% 

<https://help.turnitin.com/feedback-studio/turnitin-website/student/the-similarity-report/similarity-score-ranges.htm>

# MATCHED EXAMPLES



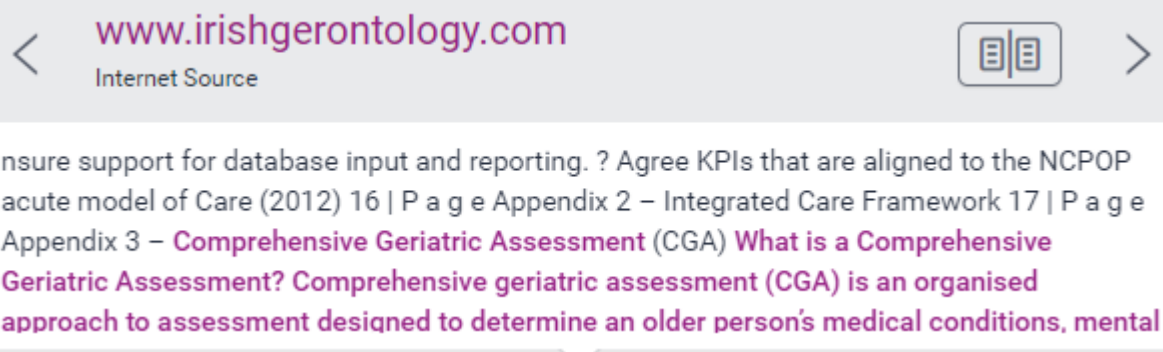
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ity in patients worldwide.[1] The European Medicines Agency describe adverse drug reactions as 'a response to a medicinal product that is noxious and unintended'. [2] In England, between 2008 and 2015, emergency hospital admissions due to ADR increased by 53% from 60,055 to 92,114.[3] Based on data from a major UK study conducted in 2002,[4] the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) estimated an annual cost to the National Health Servi

- Matching text highlighted in the assignment:

older patients resulting in increased adverse drug reactions (ADR) and risk of hospitalisation, which is exacerbated by polypharmacy. Between 2008 – 2015 emergency admissions due to ADR increased by 53% (Parekh *et al*, 2018). Additionally, polypharmacy results in drug-drug



What is a Comprehensive geriatric assessment? Comprehensive geriatric assessment (CGA) is an organised approach to assessment designed to determine an older person's medical conditions, mental health, functional capacity and social circumstances. Its purpose is to develop and implement a coordinated and integrated plan for treatment, rehabilitation, support and long term follow up. CGA is based on the premise that a full evaluation of a frail older person by a team of healthcare



# IN YOUR OWN WORDS...

Try to re-write the following text in your own words:

“Older people often experience multiple transitions, such as those linked to loss of health, employment, status, home, relationships or loss through bereavement. Such losses may often go unrecognised despite leading to intense emotional responses.”

... FOR EXAMPLE, YOU COULD SAY...

“Older people often experience multiple transitions, such as those linked to loss of health, employment, status, home, relationships or loss through bereavement. Such losses may often go unrecognised despite leading to intense emotional responses.”



Older people can experience many changes in health, work and relationships which lead to strong emotions and feelings of loss that are not often recognized.

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