

## Written Dropbox Assignment Instructions

1. **Access the following systematic review through OU Library.** Systematic reviews are professional sources that synthesize available research on a topic and are often very good sources to utilize when researching and writing about a clinical topic of interest. **Read the first 36 pages** of this review:  

Bohren, M., Hofmeyr, G., Sakala, C., Fukuzawa, R., Cuthbert, A. (2017). Continuous support for women during childbirth. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, 7 (CD003766). DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD003766.pub6.
2. **Conduct an additional literature search using a library database** (such as CINAHL) to find other scholarly articles that address the questions you are assigned. It is essential that you choose peer-reviewed journal articles. Online sites such as American Pregnancy Association, professional blogs, babycenter.com, etc., do not meet the criteria for scholarly articles. You should have a **minimum** of two **professional** references cited in your paper (again, the assigned systematic review above counts as one of the minimum requirements). See the grading rubric for how the number of sources will earn your points on this assignment.
3. **Write a two- to three-page, typed, double-spaced paper** addressing the assigned questions.
4. Correct APA formatting is a major objective of this assignment (25% of the grading rubric). This may be new for many of you, so the focus for APA will be on in-text citations and the reference list. It is essential that you use APA 6 formatting for both the reference list and in-text citations. The best resource to utilize is the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, sixth edition. The OWL Purdue APA website is also usually a reliable resource to assist you with formatting. Since the focus is on in-text citations and the reference page, a title page and abstract are **not** required for this assignment.

### All students are assigned the following four questions:

1. Briefly discuss why evidence-based practice is important in nursing.
2. Discuss what the evidence says about continuous labor support.
3. Identify another evidence-based practice issue related to antepartum, intrapartum, or postpartum nursing care, and describe what the evidence says about this topic.
4. Finally, discuss maternal mortality statistics in Oklahoma and how these compare to national and worldwide statistics (may use credible online website databases like CDC, etc., to help address this question).