

Turnitin is a tool to support effective evaluation.

Turnitin confirms similarity, not plagiarism.

Turnitin does not replace instructor judgment.

**What is it?** Turnitin is a tool. It does not need to be used for every assignment. Is it the right tool for your assignment?

## 1 RECEIVE SIMILARITY REPORT

Are you using Turnitin's [Advanced Similarity Report settings](#)?

## 2 REVIEW MATCH OVERVIEW

Colors indicate percentage of text similarity.

## 3 REVIEW ALL SOURCES

Confirm the sources of the text match.

## 4 REFLECT ON THE SITUATION

The colors may not represent plagiarism.

### BASIC TRIGGERS

- Previous submissions
- Bibliography
- Names
- Cited quotes
- Standard clinical communications
- Clinical charting guidelines

*There are many formulaic similarities in clinical content such as health assessments, SOAP notes, or case-study care plans.*

Do the matches align with basic triggers?

Is Turnitin an appropriate tool for the assignment?

Is my student struggling with something?

Did I provide clear instructions and expectations?

Does my student need writing help?

Is Turnitin helping me evaluate student outcomes?



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