

# Test your writing skills

The following table shows key writing skills for nursing and midwifery students. For each of the skills, choose the number (from 0 to 4) that best represents your ability.

4 = I can do this **very well**.

3 = I can do this **well**.

2 = I **can do** this.

1 = I can do this **but not well**.

0 = I **can't do this/ I'm not sure** I can do this.

Skills	4 Very well	3 Well	2 Can do	1 But not well	0 Can't/ Not sure
1. organising information you've read into a written text without plagiarising					
2. structuring a text following conventions of academic writing (e.g., introduction, main body, conclusion, signposting)					
3. editing your texts so that they are free from grammar errors, spelling mistakes, and incorrect punctuation					
4. identifying an essay from a report, from a care critique					
5. differentiating a description from an argument					
6. writing argumentative texts					
7. using specific language (e.g., argue, content, failed to note) to support your argumentative texts					
8. identifying a model of reflective practice for your writing					
9. writing reflective essays and accounts					
10. critically evaluating a text you're reading					
11. writing an effective care critique					
12. making effective recommendations for a care you have critiqued					
13. writing texts such as action plans, care plans, and reports					
14. writing effective research proposals					
15. using different sentence openers and cohesive devices to provide textual variety					
16. paraphrasing other people's ideas without plagiarizing					
17. critically engaging with the texts you're reading					
18. referencing your texts following academic conventions					
19. following referencing systems such as Harvard, APA and Vancouver					
20. using <i>Cite Them Right</i> online ( <a href="https://www.citethemrightonline.com/">https://www.citethemrightonline.com/</a> )					

## Results

Now copy the number you've chosen for each skill into the table below, and then add all the numbers up. The result from the sum is your score. A brief description of what scores mean is provided below.

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## What scores mean?

**0 - 20** Writing skills at this level require considerable practice, especially in key areas such as writing critical and argumentative texts. Awareness of what is required to produce specific texts such as argumentative essays, care critiques, and critical evaluations of texts needs to be developed. Academic conventions such as referencing and avoiding plagiarism require special attention. Editing texts produced at this level is a great importance to avoid errors in grammar and punctuation.

**Tip:** If you have enough time, it'd be really helpful to go over all the units in Writing for Nursing and Midwifery Students. Otherwise, spend time working on units 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9.

**21 - 40** Writing skills at this level are generally considered good, but may still need some practice in specific areas such as text structure and organisation, and critical and argumentative writing. Academic conventions such as referencing and avoiding plagiarism may also require some attention, as also may editing in order to produce texts free from grammar and punctuation errors.

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**41 - 60** Writing skills at this level are very good. However, they may still need some practice to produce good quality critical and argumentative texts. They may also require some attention to sentence variety in order to produce more interesting texts, and to referencing conventions.

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**61 - 80** At this level, writing skills are considered very good and may only need some attention to take them to the next level. Structuring and organising texts may need some attention as also may providing text variety and referencing.

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