

AN INTEGRATIVE LITERATURE REVIEW FRAMEWORK FOR POSTGRADUATE NURSING RESEARCH REVIEWS

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ABSTRACT

Difficulties in understanding review methodologies and the inability of supervisors to assist students to conduct comprehensive reviews in fulfilment of the requirements for a master's degree have resulted in limited integrative literature reviews as a form of research in master of nursing programmes. This paper synthesised the major integrative review frameworks and the research process into a comprehensive framework to guide postgraduate students and supervisors in conducting integrative literature reviews leading to the award of a master's degree in nursing and related fields of study. It is recommended that the framework for conducting a comprehensive academic integrative literature review for use by master's students and their supervisors in conducting integrative literature reviews. Further research and evaluation of this framework are needed to improve the integrative literature review methodology.