

Turnitin and Pharmacy Final Year Pharmacy Projects

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Pharmacy projects are quite varied

They must have an element of data analysis, but they.....

- Can be laboratory based (e.g. microbiology, pharmaceuticals, chemistry)
- Can use data supplied by other researchers (e.g. pharmacology researchers in the department)
- Can focus on pharmacy practice (e.g. via surveys)



Turnitin requirements for the project



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- Allow formative submission of draft of project
- Summative final submission
- Academic decisions made by project supervisor (with module leaders if required)
- Reassessment option required

How was Turnitin set up and used

Excellent help and **walk through tutorials** are already available for all tutors on Blackboard

E-LEARNING staff support site in my communities on Blackboard

A list of Turnitin FAQ were adapted from information on the E-learning site and displayed to help students and staff.

They included questions such as:

- What is plagiarism?
- How do I avoid plagiarism?
- Can I test my paper in Turnitin before submitting it to my tutor?

FAQ example

What does my originality report mean?

Your originality report is just a guide to help you and your tutor, a score of 0% does not mean that plagiarism is absent and a higher score does not necessarily mean that plagiarism is present. **DO NOT PANIC** when you get your report, look at the sources carefully and think about how you could improve it if you need to! Refer to the library self study booklets to make sure you have cited information correctly. There is no 'acceptable score' that you have to achieve, this will vary from case to case, if you need further advice (after following the instructions above), please contact your supervisor(s) (first line of help), library staff or Dr Walsh. We will expect you to have tried to answer any questions yourself first!

STUDENT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

How to use turnitin

[Bb Turnitin student report.ppt \(1.26 Mb\)](#)

Please read this practical guide to using turnitin before you attempt to upload your project.

FORMATIVE DRAFT SUBMISSION Please upload your project file AFTER receiving feedback for your draft project from your supervisor(s) by using the link below. You can then view the originality report generated and make ammendments to your project if you want to. You can only upload your file once to check it, so make sure you attach the correct file (10MB maximum)!
>> [View/Complete](#) Project: Revision 1

FINAL VERSION SUBMISSION Once you have completed your project you need to submit the final version of it via the SAC in the normal way AND submit an identical final version to turnitin via this link. You can only do this once, so make sure you submit the correct file! The maximum file size is 10MB, you can remove pictures, tables and diagrams from your document to ensure you meet this limit if necessary. You will not be able to view the originality report from your final submission. The deadline for submission is 12-00 on Friday the 25th of April.
>> [View/Complete](#)

How did it go....

All staff were emailed information and instructions in advance. Only a handful of queries were received

Staff seemed happy to still be making 'academic decisions' about the seriousness of any plagiarism

One student was reported to the academic offences panel



One student submitted the wrong file

One student submitted the file to the wrong module

Resubmission worked without any problems

Student perspective....

Despite some worries by my project students, they all found submission easy (“just like an attachment for an email”)

Students seemed to find the process helpful and understood it was an extra tool for them as well as their supervisor



Conclusions....

The help available on E-LEARNING staff support site in my communities on Blackboard is excellent and it was easy set the assignment up

Students and staff responded well to the task and the lack of a specified 'plagiarism cut off' value did not cause problems

