



Tips for Effective Oral Citations

Enhancing Credibility and Avoiding Plagiarism

When delivering a presentation, your audience does not have your reference list to verify sources of your information. Here's how to incorporate oral citations effectively, ensuring your work is credible and plagiarism-free:

- **Prioritize Citing Sources:** It's always better to provide too many citations than too few.
- **Provide Clear Source Information:** Before delving into the details of your argument or evidence, introduce your source to give your listeners context and confidence in the relevance and reliability of the information.
- **Explain the Choice of Sources:** Briefly mention why you cite a particular author or source to add depth to your presentation.
- **Signal Direct Quotes:** Make it obvious when quoting directly from a source by pausing before and after the quote. This distinction is important for clarity.
- **Be Prepared with Full Citations:** Prepare detailed citation information for those requesting it. Including source details on visual aids like PowerPoint slides can be helpful.
- **Consult Academic Guidelines:** When unsure about citation requirements, seek clarification from your MIC Center consultant.

Preventing Plagiarism in Oral Presentations

Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty can undermine your credibility. Ensure your integrity by:

- Acknowledging all sources of direct quotes, paraphrases, borrowed ideas, and non-general knowledge facts.
- Avoiding self-plagiarism by not submitting the same work for multiple courses without explicit permission from the instructor of the previous course and the instructor of the current course.
- Recognizing the importance of original work and the proper acknowledgement of collaborative efforts.

Additional Guidelines for Oral Citations:

- **Diversify Your Sources:** Don't over-rely on digital sources. Incorporate a range of source types to strengthen your presentation.
- **Clarify the Essentials:** Ensure that all necessary information is communicated.
- **Use Notecards:** Write down key points of your oral citations to avoid omitting critical details.