

## The Rutgers DSW Program

**Module Title:** Introduction to the Literature Review

**Instructor:**

**Residency:** August 2018

**Date:**

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### **Module Description:**

This module will introduce students to the use of literature review as a form of scholarship and as a component of framing a topic of inquiry in social work. Students will be introduced to the purpose of a literature review and review examples of literature reviews in peer-reviewed social work research articles. By the end of the module, students will have conceptualized a topic for the literature review of their case study.

### **Module Objectives:**

1. Appreciate the purpose of a literature review as it appears in peer-reviewed research articles.
2. To review relevant examples of literature reviews in social work scholarship.
3. To delineate a topic for the case study literature review.

### **Module Readings (required):**

1. Knopf, J.W. (2006). Doing a literature review. *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 39, 127-132.
2. Behan, D. (2018). Demoralization during medical illness. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers DSW.
3. Galvan, J.L., & Galvan, M.C. (2017). Chapter 3: Selecting a topic for your review. In J.L. Galvan & M.C. Galvan, *Writing literature reviews: A guide for students of the social and behavioral sciences* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). New York, NY: Routledge.