In your courses, you have been learning how to analyze and cite scholarly articles as an academic. It is imperative that you develop these skills. As you work on your literature review this week, there are a few things I would like you to keep in mind.

Remember that the most important part of the research process is to read the articles carefully, noting what you think are the crucial areas in the literature that you can apply to your own writing. Making notes at this time can also help deter instances of accidental plagiarism, such as the “copy, paste, cite” slip-up. This type of plagiarism can potentially cut a student’s academic journey short, and faculty and staff at Ashford University do not want this to happen to you.

We encourage you to take the time to access the Ashford Writing Center. This student services department provides a variety of resources, which include samples, tutorials, and templates that can assist you as you move through your program. As a graduate student, your skills of applying, analyzing, and citing scholarly articles will become more practiced and automatic the more you use them. Therefore, it is wise to start this early in your program. We know you desire success. We also want this for each of you.