

Words, Phrases, and Names	Comment
analysis of variance	Not Analysis of Variance
Bidirectional	Not bi-directional
bingeing	Not bingeing
CD-ROM	
child care	Not childcare
community-based participatory research	Not Community-Based, Community-Based, community based (same for tribal)
comorbidity	Not co-morbidity
Cronbach's alpha or α	Not Cronbach
cross sectional	Not cross-sectional
data	Plural (e.g., "the data were collected from...")
deidentified	Not de-identified
e-mail	Only capitalized at beginning of sentence; and not email
federal, state, tribal	Not Federal, State, Tribal (unless referring to specific tribe)
follow up, follow-up (modifier)	Not followup
fourths	Not quarters
framework	Not frame work
health care	Not healthcare
historical trauma	Not historic trauma, historic(al) generational trauma, etc.
Indian Country	Not Indian country
Indigenous/indigenous	Capitalize when describing peoples (e.g., wherever you would capitalize Native, Cherokee, etc.). Don't capitalize when speaking generally.
keyword	Not key word
long-term care	Not longterm care, long term care
Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart	Cite as <i>Brave Heart, M. Y. H.</i> , not <i>Yellow Horse Brave Heart, M.</i>
masters-level	Not Masters-level, master's level, etc.
MD, PhD	Not M.D., Ph.D.
multidisciplinary	Not multi-disciplinary
multimorbidity	Not multi-morbidity
<i>p</i> value	Not p value, P value, <i>p</i> -value
past month (drug use)	Not past-month
people's	Not peoples'
percentage	Not percent. For numbers (and tables, if not enough space for word), use %.
postpartum	Not post-partum
post-traumatic stress disorder	Not posttraumatic
powwow	Not pow-wow, pow wow
preventive	Not preventative
self-esteem, self-efficacy	Not self esteem, self efficacy
since	Use for time only ("5 years since it happened"). Not for causation ("Since we only have two samples..."). Use "because."

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strength-based/deficit-based	Not strengths-based/deficits-based
sweat lodge	Not sweatlodge
<i>t</i> -test	Not <i>t</i> test or T test. Also, it's "independent samples <i>t</i> -test."
telemedicine, tele-education	Don't hyphenate when the word begins with a consonant. Do hyphenate when the word begins with a vowel.
Timepoint	Not time point
Type 2/type 2 diabetes	Both OK (abbreviations OK too) – just be consistent
U.S.	Not US (but – state abbreviations and DC don't have periods)
versus	Write out in most instances; only abbreviate in parentheses
Veterans Affairs (or Administration)	Not Veteran's, Veterans'
Web site	Not website
well-being	Not well being
Western	Not western
while	Use for time only ("While the team conducted the interviews...") Don't use as a conjunction. Use "although" or another term.
worldview	Not world view
youths'	Not youth's (for possessive; elsewhere "youth" not "youths")