**Citing Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Midwifery Papers:**

Unlike other personal communications, Elders and Knowledge Keepers should be cited in-text and in the reference list.

See UBC Library [First Nations and Indigenous Studies Research Guide](https://guides.library.ubc.ca/aboriginalstudies/citing) for Indigenous citation and style guides and general information. The following is from the guide’s [Citing Elders Page](https://guides.library.ubc.ca/aboriginalstudies/citing#s-lg-box-15911100) with additional citation format for Vancouver/NLM style adapted from the guide by midwifery faculty.

Norquest College has developed the following citation styles for APA and MLA in the spirit of wahkôhtowin and reconciliation, and we thank them for sharing their template.

**Vancouver/NLM Style**

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**In Text:**

**The in-text citation format should follow the same guidelines for assigning a number to each reference as it is cited. A number is used even if the Elder is named in the text, e.g.:**

**Cardinal10 described the nature of the… OR The nature of the place was…10**

**Reference Citation:**

#. Last name Initial. Nation/Community. Treaty Territory if applicable. City/Community they live in if applicable. Topic/subject of communication if applicable. Year Month Date.

For example:

10. Cardinal D. Goodfish Lake Cree Nation. Treaty 6. Lives in Edmonton. Oral teaching.  2004 April 4.

**APA Style**

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In Text:

The in-text citation format should follow the same guidelines as noted in the paraphrase and direct quote tabs:

Delores Cardinal described the nature of the... (2004).**OR** The nature of the place was... (Cardinal, 2004).

Reference:

Last name, First initial., Nation/Community. Treaty Territory if applicable. Where they live if applicable. Topic/subject of communication if applicable. personal communication. Month Date, Year.

For example:

Cardinal, D., Goodfish Lake Cree Nation. Treaty 6. Lives in Edmonton. Oral teaching. personal communication. April 4, 2004.

**MLA Style**

Unlike most other personal communications, Elders and Knowledge Keepers should be cited in-text and in the reference list.

In text:

Delores Cardinal described the nature of the...**OR** The nature of the place was... (Cardinal).

Reference Citation:

Last name, First name., Nation/Community. Treaty Territory if applicable. City/Community they live in if applicable. Topic/subject of communication if applicable. Date Month Year.

For Example:

Cardinal, Delores., Goodfish Lake Cree Nation. Treaty 6. Lives in Edmonton. Oral teaching. 4 April 2004.

**Note: If you would like to approach an Elder or Knowledge Keeper for teachings, remember to follow protocol or if you are unsure what their protocol is, please ask them ahead of time.**