In APA format, there is a “short title” that goes in the upper right hand corner. It is acceptable for this to be either a short title or the student’s surname. Page numbering starts on the title page in APA format, but it is acceptable to start “page 1” on the first page of text.

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Expert and novice teachers differ in a variety of ways (Woolfolk, 2007). In observing a teacher with less than five years of experience, and comparing him to a teacher with more than 10 years experience, a number of differences were evident. When paraphrasing, page numbers are not necessary. If however, a brief quotation is used, the page number needs to be cited, as in the next paragraph. Excessive use of quotes should be discouraged, as outlined in the instructions. The example below is something that could be paraphrased without a quote.

It was clear that the more experienced teacher had fewer discipline issues than the novice teacher. As Woolfolk (2007) has noted, “beginning teachers everywhere share many concerns, including maintaining classroom discipline” (p. 15).

OR:

There are a number of ways that the two teachers differ, but it has been noted that “beginning teachers everywhere share many concerns, including maintaining classroom discipline” (Woolfolk, 2007, p. 15).

The issue of whether music has an influence on classroom achievement, Jones and Smith (1999) conducted a correlational study in which achievement scores were compared with number of hours of a week music is listened to. Correlational studies do not manipulate any variables, rather they measure different variables to determine if there is an association (Woolfolk, 2007).

Experimental studies, in contrast, involve the manipulation of variables, …. Dewey, Cheatum and Howe (2004) assigned participants to a music and a no-music group. . . . . They found that listening to music improved students scores as compared to the group that did not listen to music (Dewey et al., 2004). The findings are consistent across both of these studies (Dewey et al., 2004; Jones & Smith, 1999), even though they used different methodologies.

Note that and or & or et al. should not be bolded, I just did that to highlight the different usage.
Some assignments require the use of interviews. An interview is not considered “recoverable data” and so you will cite the interview in the text as in the following example. Ms. King finds that there are many more challenges facing students today than in decades past (M. King, personal communication, March 12, 2007). You may find something from your class notes that you would like to cite, as in the following example. There are a number of measurement “tools” that beginning teachers should particularly useful as they begin to develop assessments of student learning (C. Zimmerman, personal communication, February 6, 2007). Other issues of formatting or citation style can be found at http://apastyle.apa.org/.

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References


NOTE:
Any article or book that appears in the REFERENCE list should be cited in the body of the paper. All sources that are mentioned in the body of the paper must appear in the reference list.

Other notes:
Contractions should be avoided.