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Thesis Model



Title of the Research/Project in English

- The title must be clear, specific and concise, and include the study variables and population.
- It should be 12-word limits, as possible.
- It should be free of jargons (vague words).

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Abstract

- Each thesis/dissertation must include abstract.
- The abstract should be placed on the page immediately following the title page.
- The title of abstract should be single spaced on the first line of the abstract page center (upper& lower case) followed by candidate name.
- An abstract is a brief (approximately 150 -250 words) one-paragraph summary of the contents of the theses

Important APA aspects for writing an abstract

- The abstract, typically written last, includes an overview of the proposed project's background, aim, method, results, and conclusion and relevance to clinical practice.
- Write the abstract as a single paragraph in block format (i.e., without paragraph indentation).
- Remember NOT to indent the first line of the abstract.
- It is non-evaluative, that is, does not contain personal comments.
- Keywords: (italicized) no more than 8 words.

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The paper derived from this thesis has been published in..(month/year)... At....(name of journal)... and can be retrieved from.....(URL).....

Signature: _____

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Acknowledgement

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- Start with achnowlgement for your supervisors.
- Then achnowlgement for your colleagues.
- Followed by achnowlgement for any other person who helped you.
- Clearly state that your thesis has been funded by **Mansoura University**.

Researcher's name

year

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- The name of the table must be written completely and accurately.

List of Figures

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1	Figure 1 Name	The page number of Figure 1
2	Figure 2 Name	The page number of Figure 2

- The name of the figure must be written completely and accurately.
- The same name must be written under each figure.

List of Abbreviations

Abbreviations	Full Word
CCN	Critical Care Nursing

- If appropriate, list any abbreviations used in the thesis.

Introduction

- The introduction is headed by the title of the study, not by the word "introduction."
- The introduction section should address the following:
 - The background of the study.
 - Statement of the problem.
 - The **incidence** of the problem.
 - How this problem area affects individuals & society.
 - The **significance** of the study/rationale.
 - About 80% of the references should be up-to-date (last 5 years).
- APA Citation Criteria:
 - Reference citations must be complete and accurate.
 - Included all authors' names in the first citation.
 - Use "and" to connect authors' names when the citation appears in the text.
 - Use an ampersand (&) to connect authors' names in parenthetical citations.
 - Within a paragraph, when the name of the author is part of the text or narrative, only use the year of publication for the first citation.
 - In parenthetical citations where the citation(s) appear within parentheses, always include the year of publication.
 - Consistently use the past tense or present tense for the literature review, and the purpose and hypotheses of your study.

Literature Review

- ❖ The literature review chapter should demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the area and provide arguments to support the study focus.
- ❖ The aim of the literature review chapter is to identify the gap of knowledge, delineate various theoretical positions and develop a conceptual framework for generation of hypotheses and setting up the research question.
- ❖ The literature review chapter needs to:
 - Critically evaluate the literature rather than merely describe previous literature (i.e., what is good/bad about the body of literature?).
 - Show analysis and a synthesis of the existing knowledge.
 - Identify key authors and the key works in the area, thus acquainting the reader with existing studies relative to what has been found, who has done work, when and where latest research studies were completed and what approaches to research methodology were followed (literature review of methodology sometimes saved for chapter on methodology).
 - Constitute an argument.
 - Clearly identify the **gap** in the literature that help to provide a strong rationale for conducting the study.

- ❖ Suitable sources for the literature review include:
 - General integrative reviews cited that relate to the problem situation or research problem.
 - Specific books, monographs, bulletins, reports, and research articles – preference shown in most instances for literature of the last 10 years.
 - Unpublished materials (e.g., dissertations, theses, conference paper, etc.).
- ❖ The literature review chapter can be arranged in terms of the questions to be considered or objectives/purposes set out in the introduction chapter.
- ❖ Start with an overview of this chapter by outlining the topics to be discussed. For example [your thesis may have more than 3 topics and therefore more sections].
- ❖ You can use figures but mention its source.
- ❖ You can use diagrams of well know organizations (WHO, CDC, AHA,)
- ❖ Use different databases in searching for information (PUBMED, COCHRANE, CLINICAL KEY,)

Aim of The Study

The aim of the study is to

It should be clear and consistent with the title of the study.

Including variables, focus of the study, populations

Research Question:

- It should be clear, ethical and consistent with the aim of the study.
- It should also include the study's variables, focus and populations.

Research Hypothesis

- It is required when using experimental, quasi experimental or correlational research.
- It should be driven from the problem of the study.
- It should contain at least two variables and the population of the study.

Operational Definitions

- Operational definitions of the concepts and variables (if needed).

Method

- The method section is immediately written after the aim and question.
- The method headed by the CENTERED word “ **Method** ” in bold.
- Organize the method into subsections, using margin headings?
 - ❖ Design
 - ❖ Setting
 - ❖ Sample/Participants
 - ❖ Tool/Instruments
 - ❖ Data collection
 - ❖ Data analysis
- Organize the procedure subsection, using paragraph headings when needed.
- The method section ENTIRELY written in the past tense.
- Any necessary abbreviations must be explained in the first time in full terms.
- Use WORDS to express numbers that begin sentences and NUMBERS below 10? (see APA manual for exceptions)

Design

- Describe the type of study design.
- Provide the rationale of selecting this design.
- Make sure that the design is appropriate for answering the research question.

Setting

- Provide detailed description of the study setting including:
 - Capacity of the unit/units.
 - Equipment and facilities required for patient care
 - Services provided by the unit/units
 - Nurse-patient ratio in the unit.

Sample/Subjects/Participants

- Population.
- Inclusion/exclusion criteria.
- Sampling size & technique.
- Sample calculation.

Tools/Instruments

Provide complete description of data collection tools, covering the following questions:

- What is the name of the tool (s)?
- Who developed the tool?
- What is the aim of the tool?
- What is the content of the tool?
- How are you going to test the validity & reliability of the tool?
- What is the scoring system of the tool? (if applicable)
- Pilot study (if used).
- Remember to put the tool in the appendix section.

Ethical Considerations

The following information should be covered under this section:

- Ethical approval.
- Voluntray participation and the right to withdraw from the study.
- Informed consent.
 - The consent form should be attached to the Thesis.
- Confidentiality and data protection.
- Protection of vulnerable group if applicable.

Data Collection

Provide complete description of the data collection process including the procedure/intervention if applicable.

Data Analysis

This section should address

- The software that has been used in analyzing the collected data.
- Appropriate statistical tests has been used.

Results

- Begin typing the results section immediately after the end of the method section.
- The results section headed by the CENTERED word “**Results**” in bold.
- Organize the results section into subsections using margin headings.
- Use past tense throughout the results section.
- For mathematical and statistical expressions:
 - A) Use numerals rather than words
 - B) Italicize symbols (n, M, F, p, etc
 - C) Use appropriate spacing.
- Describe ALL significant results.
- Present your data in appropriate tables and figures.
- All tables and figures must be titled and numbered with Arabic numbers.
- A figure may be a chart, drawing, graph, map, or photograph.
- Double check the numbers in the text with the number in the tables or figures.

- Characteristics of the Tables

- The description (comment) of the table should be placed before the table.
- Type each table on a separate page as possible.
- Identify each table by the heading “Table”.
- Write the title of each table **above** it in italics.
- Number each table consecutively Table1, Table2,....
- A sample for Table:

Example:

Table 1

Word list: Summary of performance

Grade	Sight	Analysis	Total	Level
1	19	0	19	Independent
2	16	1	17	Instructional
3	12	4	16	Instructional

Note: Sight indicates the number of words read correctly on the first try. Analysis indicates the number of missed words that were corrected when reread a second time. Total indicates the total number of words read correctly.

Tables

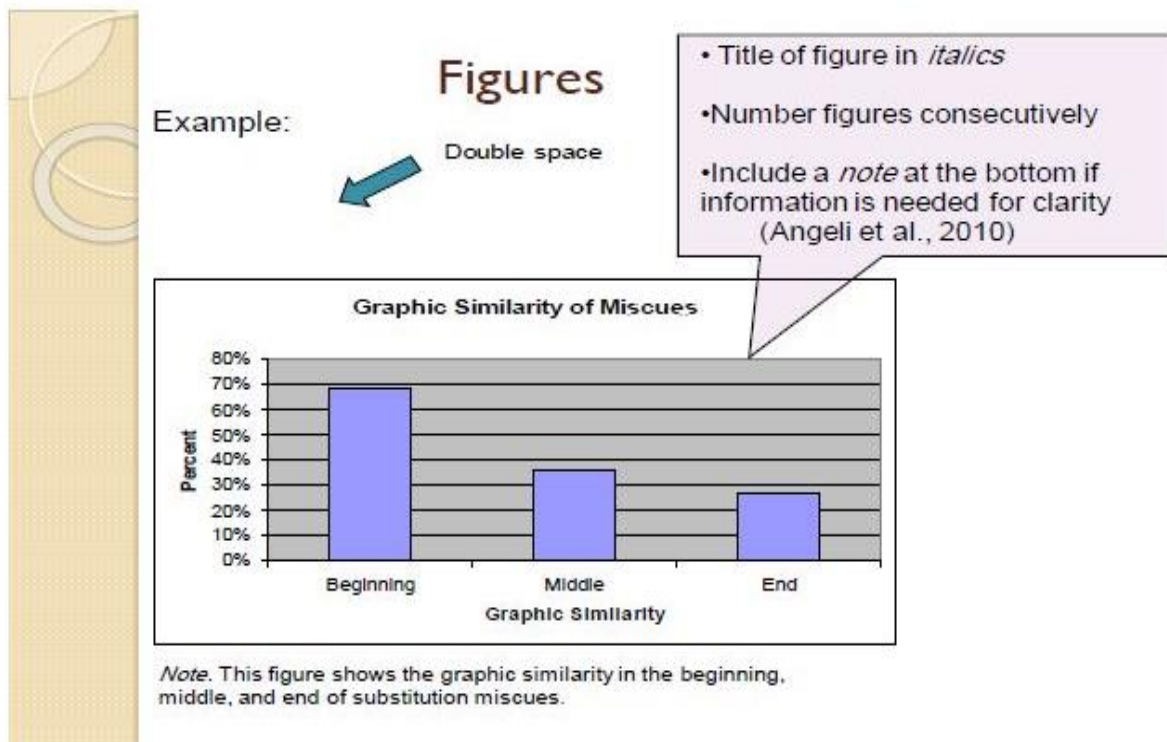
Double space

- Use **only** horizontal lines when needed for clarity
- Do **not** use vertical lines
- Title of table in *italics*
- Number tables consecutively
- May include a “note” under table if information is needed to understand table.

(APA, 2010, p. 129)

- Characteristics of the Figures

- The description (comment) of the figure should be placed before the figure.
- Each figure drawn on a separate page as possible.
- Identify each figure by the heading “figure”.
- Write the title of each figure **below** it in italics.
- Each figure numbered consecutively Figure1, Figure2, etc...



Discussion

- Begin typing the discussion immediately after the end of the results.
- The discussion section should be headed by the centered word “**Discussion**” in bold.
- Reference citations must be complete and accurate.
- Use the past tense to redescribe results and refer to other studies.
- Use the present tense to discuss the results, theories, speculations, and conclusions of your results (study).

Conclusion and Recommendations

- This chapter contains conclusions, limitations, and recommendations of your study.
- This chapter should begin with a summary paragraph of the chapter structure. The opening section(s) of the chapter should be a brief summary of everything covered so far followed by your conclusions.
- Try to cover the following areas:
 - What is the theory?
 - Where to from here?
 - What are the practical implications?
 - Discussion of where the study may be extended.
- This is the “so what” of the findings – often the hypothesis/research question(s) restated as inferences with some degree of definitive commitment and generalisability, and the raising of new and pertinent questions for future research. You could include a final model of the theory.
- The chapter should also include a discussion of any limitations of the research, and should end with your final recommendations and practical suggestions for implementation of the findings/outcomes or for additional research.

References

Reference list at the end of the thesis

- Begin the reference list on a new page.
- Reference list page headed by the centered word “**References**” in non-bold typeface.
- References listed should be arranged in alphabetical order by the first author’s last name
- The first line of each reference typed flush with the left margin.
- Use the correct reference type for each citation (e.g., book, journal article, web-based).
- Use initials only for author’s first names.
- Use a single space between initials.
- Use an ampersand (&) to connect authors’ names.
- Each citation mentioned in the thesis must be presented in the list of references.
- For journal articles, italicize journal name and volume number.
- The accuracy of journals must be double checked (authors, titles, dates & page numbers).
- You can use some softwares for writing your references according to the APA style (e.g. mendely, endnotes, google scholar citation....)

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http://nurfac.mans.edu.eg/images/files/2018/12/guide_manual.pdf

or Check the APA official website through the following link:

<https://apastyle.apa.org/>

General Typing and Formatting

Font type & size: Time New Roman, 12-point font.

Spaces: Double spaced throughout

Margins:

- 1-inch margins on all sides except for the left side 1.5 inches.
- The text is left justified.
- The beginning of each paragraph indented 5-7 characters (spaces).
- The pages should be numbered consecutively. Numbers are in the lower middle, flush centered.

