

ESSAY, THESIS, DISSERTATION

ABSTRACT

350 words or less

State the principle objectives or purpose and the scope of the thesis

Briefly describe the methodology used

Summarize the results (own words, DO NOT USE CITATIONS)

State the principle conclusions

MUST include a statement of the study's public health significance/ importance or relevance

INTRODUCTION

Identify the problem

State the scope and focus of the study

State the purpose/ objective of the study or the hypothesis to be tested (research project)

REVIEW OF THE RELEVANT LITERATURE

Review the journal articles, books, etc. that relate to the topic

Summarize the major findings from these studies

Indicate gaps, weaknesses, and deficiencies in these studies that relate to the current knowledge of the topic

METHODOLOGY OR PROGRAM DESIGN

Describe in full detail how the information (data) in the study is collected and analyzed

Include definitions of terms (if any)

State the limitations of your study or problems that were identified

RESULTS/ FINDINGS

Present the representative data

Repetitive determinations should be given in tables and graphs

Present the results with crystal clarity, clearly and simply stated

Avoid redundancy/ repetition

If there are tables and graphs, briefly summarize the important and pertinent points from them

DISCUSSION

Present the principles, relationships, and generalizations shown by the results

Discuss, do not recapitulate the results

Point out any exceptions

Define unsettled points

Show how the results and interpretations agree or contrast with the previously published work in the Literature Review

Discuss the theoretical implications of the study as well as any practical applications

Give any recommendations

CONCLUSIONS

Summarize the major findings and the evidence for each conclusion

State the conclusion(s) as clearly as possible

Present the public health significance/ importance, or relevance of the study

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Include all citations in the essay from the Introduction, the Literature Review, and Discussion

Choose one format. Consistency is the key. Choose the format from a professional journal of choice, or use the format from the American Journal of Public Health