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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

[Abbreviation]................................................Explanation of the Abbreviation.
CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

Background and Significance

Provide the background and significance of your project.

Problem Statement

Provide a statement of the problem you intend to address.

Purpose

State the purpose (aim) of your project.

Objectives

State the objectives (SMART) of your project.
CHAPTER 2: THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK AND LITERATURE REVIEW

Provide in 1 paragraph an overview of what will be discussed in Chapter 2

List of Definitions

*Term to be defined.* Definition of this term.

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Theoretical Framework

Provide the Theoretical Framework for your project. Include a theoretical framework(s) used to guide the rationale for the project. There should be a clear connection between the project design and elements of the model/ theoretical framework concepts

Theoretical Framework Subheading

If necessary, break your Theoretical Framework into sub-sections

Literature Review

Provide a Literature Review. Synthesize the current literature related to the project

Literature Review Subheading

If necessary, break your Literature Review into sub-sections.

Either begin or end with a subheading of “Summary” of the literature review.
CHAPTER 3: METHODS

Overall Project Design

State whether this is a practice improvement, health policy analysis, descriptive, secondary data analysis, etc.

Implementation Plan

Provide an evidence-based practice model or logic model and include the other subheadings below.

Evidence-based Practice Model or Logic Model

Describe the process used for project implementation step by step.

Setting

Where did the project take place? How did you select the project implementation sites? Describe characteristics of the setting.

Sample/Sample Size/Recruitment

Clearly describe the participants who were in the project. How did you recruit participants for your project? What were the inclusion/exclusion criteria for participation? If not, all eligible participants were included in your sample, state the total pool of possible participants. How many were approached? Consented? Refused participation? Include a statement of IRB approval or institutional approval, if applicable. Place IRB document in appendix.

Evidence-based Project Interventions/Activities

Clearly link project interventions and activities to each objective of the project. Include as needed: intervention tools/instruments/booklets, resources needed, timeline, and budget.
Evaluation/Outcomes/Data Analysis

Describe how you evaluated each objective for the project. Provide a detailed description of the measures you assessed and how you collected the data. Include an overview of data collection tools in the body of the paper and copies of the data collection tools in the appendix. Provide a detailed description of how you analyzed the data you collected for evaluation (e.g., what did you do to the data after you collected it to arrive at your results?). Include a data management plan.

Conclusion

Link theoretical framework concepts, objectives, measures, data collection, and data analysis. As an option, you may wish to consider using a table to demonstrate the relationship between these components.

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CHAPTER 4: RESULTS

Present the outcomes or findings for each objective, including to what extent each objective was met. Do not include an interpretation of the results. What were the outcomes or findings for each evaluation method described above? In general, you should be presenting analyzed or summarized data, not individual data or raw data from individual participants. Describe any barriers or facilitators did you encounter during implementation. One approach to the results chapter is to organize data in tables/graphs according to objectives and measures used. Data presented in tables or graphs are not duplicated in the text. Use graphs sparingly.

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Figure 1

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CHAPTER 5: DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary
First, provide a summary and synthesis of the main findings from the project.

Discussion
Discuss the findings within the context of existing literature. Be sure to include any recent literature that may have been published since you started the project.

Recommendations
Provide recommendations for use of findings in practice, education, and/or policy and for future projects. Discuss recommendations according to findings for the project site or organization.

Dissemination
Describe how findings will be or have been disseminated with the project site or organization. How will findings be disseminated to the nurse practitioner or broader health care community? Discuss any dissemination plans for posters/presentations/publications.

Strengths and Limitations
Discuss strengths and limitations of the project.

Conclusion
Conclude by describing the significance of the project and application of project findings to the DNP role.
REFERENCES

APPENDIX A: IRB APPROVAL

Replace this text with a scan of your approval letter.
APPENDIX B: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Include an executive summary of your project here.