

Thesis/PhD Dissertation Preparation Booklet

For students in the MA, MS, PhD, and EdD programs

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Foreword

This booklet serves as an aid for students and faculty in understanding the policies and procedures of The Graduate School regarding the preparation of the thesis/dissertation and events leading up to the Final Oral Examination (thesis/dissertation defense).

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Helpful Resources

1. For honest, practical advice on writing your thesis/dissertation, read:

Lee, J. J. (2018, January 8). The not-so-secret guide to dissertating. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Retrieved from <https://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Not-So-Secret-Guide-to/242186/%23.WISAmfaQ1a1.twitter>

2. For all forms required for submission to the Office of the Dean, bookmark this page:

The Graduate School Student Resources
<https://www.augusta.edu/gradstudies/students/>

3. For templates, submission forms, and FAQ help, bookmark this page:

The Graduate School Reference Center: Electronic Theses and Dissertations
<https://guides.augusta.edu/graduateschool/etd>

ETD Boot Camp

All graduate students* are required to attend an ETD Boot Camp offered by Greenblatt Library. This Boot Camp reviews the templates and the submission process for the thesis/dissertation. Boot Camps are scheduled every semester; the Scholarship and Data Librarian recommends that students attend a Boot Camp during the semester which writing begins. See <https://guides.augusta.edu/graduateschool/etd> for upcoming dates.

**Distance students* should contact Jennifer Davis at jdavis14@augusta.edu for a WebEx session.

**EdD students* will attend a Saturday session, scheduled by the College of Education.

Thesis/Dissertation Checklist

This checklist is a guide for what is required before and after the Final Oral Examination (thesis/dissertation defense). *Submission of checklist is not required.*

Before Final Oral Examination		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action Needed	Suggested Timeline
	Attend an ETD Boot Camp	Semester during which writing begins
	Schedule defense date, time, and room location	<i>Note: Defenses will not be scheduled 2 weeks before or 2 weeks after graduation.</i>
	<p><i>PhD Only:</i> Send e-mail for selection of Reader(s)* to the Office of the Dean for approval.</p> <p>*Readers are external examiners who become members of the Advisory Committee for the Final Oral Examination and participate in questioning and voting.*</p>	
	Submit draft of thesis/dissertation to the Major Advisor	9 weeks prior to Final Oral Examination
	Distribute draft to the Advisory Committee and Reader(s) after obtaining approval by the Major Advisor	5 weeks prior to Final Oral Examination
	Submit Faculty Agreement for Final Oral Exam Form (signed by the Advisory Committee) to the Office of the Dean	2 weeks prior to Final Oral Examination
	Submit Thesis/Dissertation Approval Form (signed by the Advisory Committee with an electronic copy) to the Office of the Dean	2 weeks prior to Final Oral Examination
	Submit electronic copy of the Defense Announcement to the Office of the Dean and distribute to appropriate faculty and students	2 weeks prior to Final Oral Examination

After Final Oral Examination		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Action Needed	Timeline
	Submit an electronic version of final, corrected thesis/dissertation to TGSenrolled@augusta.edu	At least 1 week before graduation. <i>Final copy must have final approval of the Dean of The Graduate School (with signature).</i>
	Submit signed Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) Submission for Publication Approval Form to TGSenrolled@augusta.edu	1 week after defense.
	<i>PhD/EdD Only:</i> Submit dissertation to ProQuest. <i>MA/MS Only:</i> Submit thesis to Scholarly Commons. See for instructions on both processes: https://guides.augusta.edu/graduateschool/SubmissionGuidelines	At least 1 week before graduation.
	Complete Graduate Questionnaire	1 week after defense.
	Complete and submit Survey of Earned Doctorates online: http://sed.norc.org/survey	1 week after defense.
	Schedule exit interview with The Graduate School	Scheduled by Carol Gibson, cagibson@augusta.edu

Preparation of Thesis/Dissertation

In the preparation of a thesis/dissertation, the student must realize that neatness and correctness in form, as well as accuracy and soundness of research, are all important. This brief guide is intended to assist students and faculty advisors in the preparation of an acceptable manuscript. In no instance should another thesis/dissertation be used solely as a guide for the style and format of a manuscript. It is the responsibility of the Major Advisor to see that the student adheres to these policies.

Templates

Greenblatt Library created Microsoft Office Word templates that all students **MUST** use to write their thesis/dissertation: <http://guides.augusta.edu/graduateschool/template>. Note that there are several template options: standard, alternative*, Biostatistics, Education, and Nursing. Students should follow the general formatting requirements, found on page 5, as well as the specific formatting requirements of their particular ETD template.

- Standard: for all students who are not using previously published or accepted first-authored works, and who are not students of the Biostatistics, Education, or Nursing PhD graduate programs. Specific requirements are found on page 8.
- Alternative*: for students who are using previously published or accepted first-authored works and who are not students of the Biostatistics, Education, or Nursing PhD graduate programs. ****Use of the alternative template requires permission from the Dean of The Graduate School.**** Specific requirements are found on page 10.
- Biostatistics: for students in the graduate programs of the Division of Biostatistics and Data Sciences. Specific requirements are found on page 13.
- Education: for students in the College of Education's Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Innovation program. Specific requirements are found on page 14.
- Nursing: for students in the College of Nursing's Research Doctorate (PhD) program. Specific requirements are found on page 16.

Writing Style Manuals

Questions relating to form and style are not addressed in this guide. Students must write in accordance to one of the published writing manuals or by the editorial policy of a national journal in the student's major field. The Graduate School recommends using APA:

American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

The use of other style manuals may be permitted upon approval of the Dean prior to writing the thesis/dissertation.

General Formatting Requirements

Unless otherwise noted, all theses/dissertations should adhere to the following formatting requirements. Other requirements specific to individual templates begin on page 8. All templates are pre-formatted with these requirements.

Font Style and Size

The default font should be Times New Roman 12-point font. Figures and legends should be 10-point font. For any printed copies, the printing must be letter-quality or laser print. Unusual fonts of smaller or larger spacing are not acceptable.

Page Margins

For all templates except the EdD template: All pages must have margins of:

- 1 inch (1") at the top, right, and bottom
- 1 ½ inches (1.5") at the left

For the EdD template: All pages must have margins of 1 inch (1") on all sides.

Forms, tables, questionnaires, etc. used in the preparation of the thesis/dissertation and included in the manuscript, must be designed to comply with these margin guidelines.

Landscape pages must be positioned with the heading at the left margin.

Page Numbering

All numbered pages must have page numbers at the bottom center of the page (*unless using the EdD template, which requires numbers at the top, right-hand corner of the page*).

- The following pages **are not** numbered: title page, acknowledgement page, abstract, and table of contents.
- References and appendices continue the page numbering of the dissertation/thesis text.

Title Page

The Title page must conform to the style of the template pages.

Preparation of Abstract

Unless otherwise noted, all theses/dissertations should adhere to the following formatting requirements for the abstract. All templates are formatted to conform to these requirements.

Word Count

The abstract must not exceed 350 words for all templates except for the *EdD*, which requires only 150-250 words. The abstract consists of a succinct summary of the thesis/dissertation and the conclusions reached. Opinions should be omitted.

Title and Heading

The word "Abstract" will appear at the top of the page.

For the standard, alternative, and Biostatistics templates: the word "Abstract" will be in all caps and bolded (e.g. **ABSTRACT**), and will not be centered on the page.

For the EdD and Nursing PhD templates: the word "Abstract" will be centered with only the first letter capitalized and with no bolded letters (e.g. Abstract).

For all templates except the EdD:* Following the word "Abstract" is:

STUDENT'S FULL NAME IN ALL UPPERCASE

Title of thesis/dissertation in upper and lower case letters

(Under the direction of NAME OF MAJOR ADVISOR IN ALL UPPERCASE)

These lines are typed single-spaced without indentation. The text of abstract then begins three lines after the title, and is double-spaced.

**The EdD template omits this information.*

Margins

All except for the EdD template

- Left indented at 1 ½ inches (1.5")
- Right, top, and bottom margins are 1 inch (1")

EdD template has margins of 1 inch (1") on all sides.

Keywords

Select several key words derived from the title and subject heads that will be of value to information retrieval services, such as Google and databases. The words must be listed three lines below the body of the abstract, flush with the 1 ½" left margin. Choosing descriptive words will help users locate your work, which can increase your readership and your potential citation impact!

Figures and Tables Formatting

Unless otherwise noted, all theses/dissertations should adhere to the following formatting requirements for the figures and tables. All templates are formatted to conform to these requirements.

Content

Figures and tables should appropriately supplement the thesis/dissertation text. Data shown in one form should not be duplicated in another form. For example, data given in a table should not also be shown in a graph.

Numbering

Figures and tables should be numbered consecutively from first to last, using Arabic numerals (e.g. 1, 2, 3, etc.).

For alternative ETD template: If using figures and tables from multiple previously published or accepted first-authored works, numbering will coincide with the manuscript number. For example, figure 4 in published manuscript 1 will be 1.4 in the thesis/dissertation, and figure 8 in published manuscript 2 will be 2.8 in the thesis/dissertation. This information is also included in the Structure of Alternative ETD Template section on page 11 with examples.

Titles and Legends

All figures and tables should have a short title and, when appropriate, include a legend. Legends should be concise, yet clearly explain the figure/table.

To add a title:

- Select the figure/table and right click
- Choose “insert caption”
- In the window that appears, choose figure or table in the drop down menu
- Enter title and click OK
- To update the List of Figures/Tables, select all, right click, and choose update field

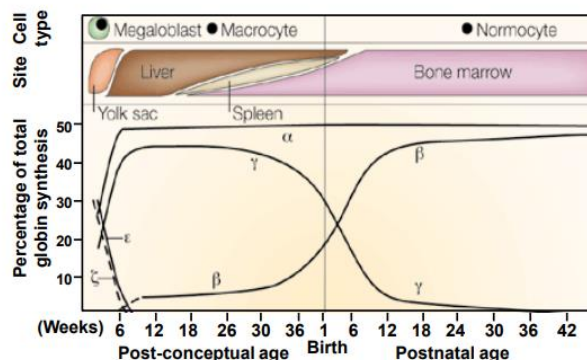


Figure 2. Hemoglobin Switching Curve The developmental hemoglobin switch curve shows the expression pattern of the β -like globin genes expression and sites of hematopoiesis during ontogeny. Adapted from Phenotype-genotype relationships in monogenic disease: lessons from the thalassaemias by D.J Weatherall, 2001, Nature Publishing group.

Example from Ward, C. (2016). The Regulation of γ -globin by microRNA [Doctoral dissertation.] Theses and Dissertations, Augusta University. *Scholarly Commons*. Retrieved from <https://augusta.openrepository.com/handle/10675.2/618645>

Placement

Figures and tables should be placed as close to the first mention as possible and **NOT** grouped at the ends of sections, chapters, etc.

For alternative ETD template: If figures/tables from previously published or accepted first-authored works are grouped together at the end of the manuscript, do not alter this format as this could be a copyright violation. For the unpublished manuscript section of the thesis/dissertation, use the standard dissertation placement guidelines described above. This information is also included in the Structure of Alternative ETD Template section on page 11.

Structure of Standard ETD

For all students who are not using previously published or accepted first-authored works, and who are not students of the Biostatistics, Education, or Nursing PhD graduate programs.

Find template at: <https://guides.augusta.edu/graduateschool/template>

Use of Standard Template

Follow the general formatting requirements listed on pages 5-7. The template conforms to these requirements; it is a “locked” document, which restricts some editing in order to easily maintain the formatting requirements of The Graduate School. Editable text areas are highlighted in yellow and contained within brackets; these will not show up when the document is saved or printed. To edit text, such changing text size, use the styles menu on the home tab of the document. Use of the template is covered in the ETD Boot Camp. For additional help, contact Jennifer Davis at jdavis14@augusta.edu.

Order of Pages

All sections begin on a new page.

- Title Page
- Acknowledgements
- Abstract
- Table of Contents
- List of Tables
- List of Figures
- I. INTRODUCTION
 - A. Statement of the Problem
 - B. Review of Related Literature
- II. MATERIALS AND METHODS
- III. RESULTS – May be a variety depending on procedures employed. May be descriptive and tabular presentations.
- IV. DISCUSSION – Discussion of findings with regard to how the data fit with current knowledge and how they enhance the field of study; previous studies; and new contributions. May be done under sub-headings.
- V. SUMMARY – a series of concise remarks summarizing experimental findings and conclusions
- VI. REFERENCES
- VII. APPENDICES – not absolutely required, but to include protocol of experiments, figures not included in text, forms, etc.

Examples* (openly accessible dissertations):

Angara, K. P. (2018). CXCR2 expressing tumor cells drive vascular mimicry in anti-angiogenic therapy resistant glioblastoma [Doctoral dissertation]. Theses and Dissertations, Augusta University. *Scholarly Commons*. Retrieved from <http://hdl.handle.net/10675.2/621867>

Zhao, K. (2018). Anterograde and retrograde regulation of neuromuscular junction formation and aging [Doctoral dissertation]. Theses and Dissertations, Augusta University. *Scholarly Commons*. Retrieved from <http://hdl.handle.net/10675.2/621940>

****In no instance should another thesis/dissertation be used solely as a guide for the style and format of a manuscript. Students are to follow the general guidelines listed on pages 5-7 as well as the guidelines specific towards the Standard ETD template listed above on page 9.***

Structure of Alternative ETD

For students who are using previously published or accepted first-authored works, and who are not students of the Biostatistics, Education, or Nursing graduate programs. The following additional conditions must also be met for the candidate to use the alternative format:

- a) The candidate, major advisor, advisory committee, program director, and The Graduate School must all agree that the alternative structure is appropriate for the candidate.
- b) The candidate must be first author on all manuscripts bundled into the dissertation. Additional manuscripts that have been submitted for publication and are under review at the time the dissertation is submitted may be included in the manuscript format as an Unpublished Research chapter. Manuscripts that have been rejected or that have not been submitted (in preparation) cannot be included in the journal format (i.e. must conform to the traditional dissertation format). For manuscripts that have been submitted and are under review, the first authorship of the candidate must be maintained when the manuscript is published, even if it is published in a different journal than the one reviewing it at the time of dissertation preparation. Any manuscript included in the Unpublished Research chapter does not count towards the minimum 1 paper requirement for an Alternative format thesis.
- c) The candidate should be aware that s/he may be required to waive copyright claims, if these rights are held by the particular publishers of the manuscripts. In such cases, the student must obtain permission to use material in the thesis/dissertation. This is discussed further in the ETD Boot Camp and on the Library ETD guide. For additional help, contact Jennifer Davis at jdavis14@augusta.edu.
- d) The number of manuscripts included in the dissertation is not fixed (although it must be at least 1), but the candidate's advisory committee will maintain responsibility for determining when sufficient work has been accomplished.
- e) **Should additional authors (other than the candidate and the advisor) be listed on one or more of the dissertation manuscripts, the candidate must provide a detailed summary of the work performed by these other authors.** This summary may be provided in the "Acknowledgments" section of the dissertation. Furthermore, a statement must be provided in the dissertation in which the additional authors agree (by their signatures) with the candidate's assessment of their contribution to the manuscripts. *If an additional author is another graduate student, that individual must be apprised that such work may not be employed again in another dissertation.*
- f) The structure described herein must not be modified; the dissertation must adhere to the approved alternative format. See below for specific requirements.

- g) It is recognized by the candidate and the committee that a comprehensive Introduction and Discussion that ties together all of the work presented in the dissertation must be included in an alternative format dissertation.

Find template at: <https://guides.augusta.edu/graduateschool/template>

Use of Template

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Figures and Tables Formatting

If using figures and tables from multiple previously published or accepted first-authored works, numbering will coincide with the manuscript number. For example, figure 4 in published manuscript 1 will be 1.4 in the thesis/dissertation, and figure 8 in published manuscript 2 will be 2.8 in the thesis/dissertation. See listed examples below.

If figures/tables from previously published or accepted first-authored works are grouped together at the end of the manuscript, do not alter this format as this could be a copyright violation. For the unpublished manuscript section of the thesis/dissertation, follow the general guidelines listed on page 7. See examples below.

As with the traditional format, all figures must be embedded within the text as close to the first mention as possible and **NOT** grouped at the ends of sections, chapters, etc.

Order of Pages

All sections begin on a new page.

- Title Page
- Acknowledgements – include a detailed summary of the work performed by other authors on published or accepted manuscripts used in the thesis/dissertation, if applicable.
- Abstract
- Table of Contents – Published manuscripts precede unpublished research.
- List of Tables

- List of Figures
- I. INTRODUCTION
 - A. Statement of the problem and specific aims of the overall project.
 - B. Literature review and discussion of the rationale of the project. It is expected that the literature review will be more comprehensive than those presented in the included publications.
- II. PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS
 - A. First published manuscript
 - B. Second published manuscript
 - C. Third published manuscript
- III. UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH – This can include manuscripts, in the journal format, that have been submitted for publication that are under review at the time of dissertation submission. Manuscripts that have been rejected or that have not been submitted (in preparation) **cannot** be included in the journal format (i.e. must conform to the traditional dissertation format).
- IV. DISCUSSION – A comprehensive discussion that integrates the findings of **all** research presented in the dissertation and that identifies how the goals or specific aims of the project were attained, and how the research has answered the hypotheses put forth in the dissertation.
- V. SUMMARY – a series of concise remarks summarizing experimental findings and conclusions.
- VI. REFERENCES - All literature cited in the dissertation will be included here. Style should conform to selected style manual. **References included in manuscripts must be renumbered and reformatted (if needed) and included in this section. Literature Cited sections within the manuscripts should be omitted.**
- VII. APPENDICES – not absolutely required, but to include protocol of experiments, figures not included in text, forms, etc.

Example* (openly accessible dissertations):

Hughes, J. K. (2018). Enabling assessments to better inform goal setting and treatment planning for patients with elbow, wrist, and hand impairments. [Doctoral dissertation]. Theses and Dissertations, Augusta University. *Scholarly Commons*. Retrieved from <http://hdl.handle.net/10675.2/621919>

****In no instance should another thesis/dissertation be used solely as a guide for the style and format of a manuscript. Students are to follow the general guidelines listed on pages 5-7 as well as the guidelines specific towards the Alternative ETD template listed above on pages 11-13.***

Structure of Biostatistics ETD

For students in the graduate programs of the Division of Biostatistics and Data Sciences.

Find template at: <https://guides.augusta.edu/graduateschool/template>

Use of Template

The Biostatistics template was created using LaTeX to be compatible with equations. There is a zipfile folder containing all the necessary files located at the link listed above. Follow the general formatting requirements listed on pages 5-7. Specific formatting requirements varying from the general requirements are discussed here. Be sure to compile the main file at least twice in a pdf LaTeX compiler, such as TexShop, MikTeX, etc., and also compile the BibTeX twice to ensure all contents appear in the final pdf output of the thesis/dissertation. These instructions are also listed in the zipfile folder.

Order of Pages

All sections begin on a new page.

- TITLE PAGE
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
- ABSTRACT
- Table of Contents
- List of Tables
- List of Figures
- I. Introduction
- II. Literature Review - Prepare your references using LaTeX's bibliography template with the APA style and save it in a file. These instructions are also listed, with given examples, in the zipfile folder.
- III. Methodology
- IV. Simulation
- V. Application
- *(VI. Additional Chapters, if needed)*
- VI. Discussion and Future
- References
- Appendices – not absolutely required, but to include protocol of experiments, figures not included in text, forms, etc.

Example* (Access requires authenticating with JagNet ID and password):

Lee, T. J. (2017). Mathematical and stochastic modeling of HIV immunology and epidemiology [Doctoral dissertation]. Theses and Dissertations, Augusta University. *Scholarly Commons*. Retrieved from <http://hdl.handle.net/10675.2/621523>

****In no instance should another thesis/dissertation be used solely as a guide for the style and format of a manuscript. Students are to follow the general guidelines listed on pages 5-7 as well as the guidelines specific towards the EdD ETD template listed on this page 14.***

Structure of Education (EdD) ETD

For students in the College of Education's Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Innovation program. **Each cohort student will submit a copy of the dissertation to ProQuest and their ETD Permission to Publish Form to The Graduate School.**

Find template at: <https://guides.augusta.edu/graduateschool/template>

Use of Template

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Margins

All pages must have margins of: 1 inch (1") at the top, left, right, and bottom

Forms, tables, questionnaires, etc. used in the preparation of the thesis/dissertation and included in the manuscript, much be designed to comply with the margin guidelines.

Landscape pages must be positioned with the heading at the left margin.

Page Numbers

All numbered pages must have page numbers at the top, right-hand corner of the page.

- The following pages **are not** numbered: title page, acknowledgement page, abstract, table of contents, list of tables, and list of figures.
- References and appendices continue the page numbering of the dissertation/thesis text.

Running Head

The Running head is an ABBREVIATED TITLE IN ALL CAPS, using no more than 50 characters. It will appear on all pages in the upper left-hand side header.

Abstract

Word count: 150-250 words. The word "Abstract" will be centered with only the first letter capitalized and with no bolded letters (e.g. Abstract). No other information, such as name or title of dissertation, is required.

Order of Pages

All sections begin on a new page.

- TITLE PAGE
- Acknowledgements
- Abstract
- Table of Contents
- List of Tables
- List of Figures
- Chapter 1
- Chapter 2
- Chapter 3...(additional chapters follow)
- References
- Appendices - not absolutely required, but to include protocol of experiments, figures not included in text, forms, etc.

Example* (Access requires authenticating with JagNet ID and password):

Callan, R. S. (2018). Investigating student and faculty perspectives related to predictors of success: BSN curriculum and NCLEX_RN outcomes [Doctoral dissertation]. Theses and Dissertations, Augusta University. *Scholarly Commons*. Retrieved from <http://hdl.handle.net/10675.2/621824>

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Structure of Nursing (PhD) ETD

For students in the College of Nursing's Research Doctorate (PhD) program.

Find template at: <https://guides.augusta.edu/graduateschool/template>

Use of Template

Follow the general formatting requirements listed on pages 5-7. Specific formatting requirements varying from the general requirements are discussed here. The template conforms to these requirements. Use of the template is covered in the ETD Boot Camp. For additional help, contact Jennifer Davis at jdavis14@augusta.edu or Chelsey Lemons, Research Associate, Center for Nursing Research, at clemons@augusta.edu.

Abstract

The word "Abstract" will be centered with only the first letter capitalized and with no bolded letters (e.g. Abstract). Following the word "Abstract" is:

STUDENT'S FULL NAME IN ALL UPPERCASE

Title of thesis/dissertation in upper and lower case

(Under the direction of NAME OF MAJOR ADVISOR IN ALL UPPERCASE)

This is typed single-spaced, and **not** indented. The text of abstract then begins three lines after the title, and is double-spaced.

Order of Pages

All sections begin on a new page.

- Title Page
- Acknowledgements
- Abstract
- Table of Contents
- List of Tables
- List of Figures
- Chapter 1: Introduction
 - Background
 - Statement of the Problem...(additional subheadings follow)
- Chapter 2: Review of the Literature...(additional subheadings follow)
- Chapter 3: Methods...(additional subheadings follow)
- Chapter 4: Results...(additional subheadings follow)
- Chapter 5: Discussion...(additional subheadings follow)
- References
- Appendices - not absolutely required, but to include protocol of experiments, figures not included in text, forms, etc.

Examples*:

Linck, D. T. (2018). Female teens step it up with the Fitbit Zip: A randomized controlled pilot study [Doctoral dissertation]. Theses and Dissertations, Augusta University. *Scholarly Commons*. Retrieved from <https://augusta.openrepository.com/handle/10675.2/621823>

(NOTE: To access this dissertation, you will need to sign in using your JagNet ID and Password.)

Sarfo, R. (2018). Relationships among health literacy, self-care, and hospital readmission status in African American adults with heart failure [Doctoral dissertation]. Theses and Dissertations, Augusta University. *Scholarly Commons*. Retrieved from <http://hdl.handle.net/10675.2/621827>

****In no instance should another thesis/dissertation be used solely as a guide for the style and format of a manuscript. Students are to follow the general guidelines listed on pages 5-7 as well as the guidelines specific towards the Nursing PhD ETD template listed on page 17.***