Introduction
- Provides background information and summarizes major work in the area
- Establishes compelling statement of the problem
- Research questions clearly stated and emerge naturally from problem statement
- The research problem is significant and will contribute practical or theoretical knowledge
- Important terms used in the study adequately defined
- Assumptions and limitations of the study clearly stated

Review of the Literature
- Uses primary sources
- Identifies key people and ideas in area selected
- Literature review addresses problem area and research questions

Methodology
- Sample fully described
- Methodology is sound and research design and procedure clearly stated
- Instrumentation and equipment fully described
- Statistics are appropriate for problem

Results
- Results of the statistical analysis presented in a clear and understandable form
- Tables used to summarize data

Discussion
- Clear statement of whether the hypotheses were supported or rejected
- Conclusions integrate previous literature and major alternative points of view
- Draws warranted and judicious conclusions that are substantiated by the evidence
- Conclusions clearly explain results
- Generalizations confined to the population from which the sample was selected
- Describes implications for the profession
- Describes implications for future research

Other Sections
- Abstract concise and descriptive
- Reference list complete and all references cited in body of project report
- Instrument included in appendix
- Informed consent form and IRB approval included appendix

Style
- Adheres to APA Style and follows Graduate School format
- Logically organized and clearly written
- The tone is impartial and scientific
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