

# NSU Adult Learning and Development Dissertation Format

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## Chapter 1 – Introduction to the Study (Begin with page 1 in upper-right corner, no running head)

- Background
- Statement of the Problem
- Conceptual/Theoretical Basis for the Study
- Purpose of the Study
  - Research Questions (1...2...3...n)
  - Hypotheses (1...2...3...n)
- Significance of the Study
- Definition of Key Terms
- Summary

## Chapter 2 – Review of Related Literature

- Introduction
- Major literature topic sections
  - Sub-topics for each section
- Summary

## Chapter 3 – Research Design and Methodology

- Introduction
- Problem Statement and Purpose(s) of Study
  - Research Questions (1...2...3...n)
  - Hypotheses (1...2...3...n)
- Design of the Study
- Limitations, Delimitations, Assumptions, and Design Controls
- Ethical Considerations
- Population and Sample Description
- Data Collection and Instrumentation
- Data Analysis
- Role of the Researcher
- Summary

## Chapter 4 – Analysis of Data

- Introduction
- Characteristics of Respondents
- Data Analysis and Presentation of Data
- Summary

## Chapter 5 - Discussion

- Introduction
- Summary of the Study
- Findings
- Implications
- Future Research
- Conclusions

## References

## Appendices

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