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**ABSTRACT**

The abstract should be 300 words or less, single-spaced and spaced on this page with title, name, and graduation month, year. The abstract should provide a brief summary of the focus of the capstone, brief description of relevance, a summary of the literature, findings, and conclusions. The complete abstract needs to fit onto the title page and should not break over onto page 2. You may move the title higher on the page if your abstract is longer.

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**INTRODUCTION *typically 1-3 pages***

This section should lead into your topic, describe the issue to be studied/investigated, reason the topic is important and of interest, justification of the study (why), and what will be addressed. Include sufficient background (literature review) for the reader to understand the importance of your study. Use subheadings where appropriate. The style of headings within your capstone can be your choice (e.g. upper case or centered) but must be 12 point. Subheadingsif used, can be your choice as well (e.g. italicized, lowercase, underlined, but must be consistent)

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***Summary of Objectives***

This required subsection must include a summary of the objectives/focus of the paper – restate the overall importance/issue you plan to address and introduce the objectives/aims to be reviewed in the published studies section.

**PUBLISHED STUDIES *typically 6-10 pages***

This section should provide a detailed presentation of the topic you chose using discussion of primary papers and discussing the published data available. Use sub-headings where appropriate. This section should also contain references to your figures and/or tables as appropriate. Figures and tables can be placed within the text of the paper or after the Conclusions section (before the References).  
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***Objective or Aim of Interest 3 (There may be more than 2 Aims/Objectives)***

**DISCUSSION *typically 2-4 pages***

Begin the section with an overall conclusion/summary of the published studies (few sentences – 1 paragraph), then include your evaluation of the studies described in the Published Studies section. This section is not just a summary of the previous section. The discussion should connect across studies to provide a broader evaluation of the findings presented, which may include strengths and weaknesses in study design or scope of a study, an evaluation of the authors’ interpretation of results, and contrasting findings or conclusions to other fields or patient groups.

***Future Directions***

This subsection must include a discussion and rational for future studies based on your findings. It must be at least 1 paragraph in length.

**CONCLUSIONS *typically 1 paragraph – 2 pages***

This section should discuss weaknesses of the studies, alternative approaches, arising or remaining questions for the field, recommendations for future directions, and final thoughts.

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