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**SALVE REGINA  
UNIVERSITY**

**Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)  
Project Oral Defense**

**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Slides are presented with professional construction</li><li>b. Adheres to APA formatting</li><li>c. Poster Board, if requested, is professional</li><li>d. Attire of doctoral candidate is professional, neat and appropriate for doctoral dissertation defense presentation</li></ul>	
<p><b>Title/Overview</b></p> <p>Concise and accurate/ Provides direction for project</p>	
<p><b>Background of the Problem</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Introductory materials with brief evidentiary statement to justify the topic</li><li>b. Background and Significance of problem.</li><li>c. Target population and/or stakeholders</li><li>d. Purpose statement(s)</li><li>e. Quality Improvement/ Clinical questions answered through the DNP Project</li><li>f. Objectives of project reviewed with an explanation of measurable outcomes</li></ul>	

<p><b>Theoretical Framework and Synthesis of Literature</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The model or framework used to conduct the project with justification and relevance to the clinical question</li> <li>b. A thorough review of the literature with synthesis of the evidence supporting the clinical question and project</li> <li>c. Literature search strategy and databases used and evaluation process used.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Organizational Assessment &amp; Cost Effectiveness Analysis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. SWOT Analysis of the organization the project was completed identifying the readiness for change, facilitators and barriers, risks and/or unintended consequences.</li> <li>b. Stakeholders and impact by the DNP Project identified</li> <li>c. Cost factors associated with the project; including, but not limited to, cost of the implementation process, analysis and cost avoidance or savings associated with implementation, both direct and indirect cost allocations</li> </ul>	
<p><b>IRB Approval (as applicable)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Institutional IRB (if applicable)</li> <li>b. Salve Regina University IRB approval</li> <li>c. Process completed identified</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Design and Methodology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Methods explained</li> <li>b. Outcome measures, evaluation and type of data analysis</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Design and Methodology (cont.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Psychometric properties of any instruments used for evaluation (Reliability and Validity)</li> <li>d. Timeline for project from planning, proposal defense, implementation, analysis and project defense</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Analysis of Research Data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Discuss the results of the data collection</li> <li>b. Discuss outcome measures</li> <li>c. Discuss and analyze the interpretation of statistical findings</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p><b>Significance to practice, Limitation and Strengths of the Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Discussion based on findings of research</li> <li>b. Strengths</li> <li>c. Limitations</li> <li>d. Recommendations for future research</li> <li>e. Impact on Health Care Practice and the Role of the APRN</li> <li>f. Sustainability of the program</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Comprehensive review to the DNP Project</li> <li>b. Provide insight for the outcomes purpose and applicability to practice</li> <li>c. Relationship to the Salve Mission</li> </ul>	
<p><b>DNP Project reflects and demonstrates The Essentials Advanced-Level Nursing Competencies (AACN,2021) and Salve Regina University Mission</b></p>	
<p><b>References, APA Format, Title Page</b></p>	

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Meets or exceeds all criteria for Defense.

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