

**Christine E Lynn College of Nursing  
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Outline Guide for Dissertation**

<b>Quantitative Study</b>	<b>Qualitative Study</b>
<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phenomenon of interest</li> <li>• Problem statement</li> <li>• Purpose of the study</li> <li>• Significance of the study including connection to caring science</li> <li>• Research questions/hypotheses where appropriate</li> <li>• Theoretical or conceptual framework including definition of terms</li> <li>• Summary</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phenomenon of interest</li> <li>• Background and significance including connection to caring science</li> <li>• Purpose of the Study</li> <li>• Research Questions</li> <li>• _____, including conceptual definitions</li> <li>• Summary</li> </ul>
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