

THESIS FINAL SUBMISSION SAMPLE AND NOTES

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 - Placed on a separate page; or
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LIST OF SYMBOLS

J	Resultant total angular momentum quantum number, excluding nuclear spins.
N	Rotational angular momentum quantum number, excluding electron and nuclear spins, in the case where electron spin is present.
K	Projection of J (or N) on the symmetry axis in the limiting prolate or oblate symmetric top.
F_1	Resultant angular momentum quantum number including nuclear spin for one nucleus.
F	Resultant total angular momentum quantum number.
λ or	Quantum number employed when F_1 is not a good quantum number. This value
ϵ	simply numbers the levels from lowest to highest energy for the same F quantum number.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AC.....	Active Case Detection
ACR.....	Adequate Clinical Response
CDRI.....	Central Drug Research Institute
ETF	Early Treatment Failure
IRS	Indoor Residual Spraying
LTF.....	Late Treatment Failure
MDR.....	Multidrug Resistance

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

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345	8

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567	10
789	12
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46	939

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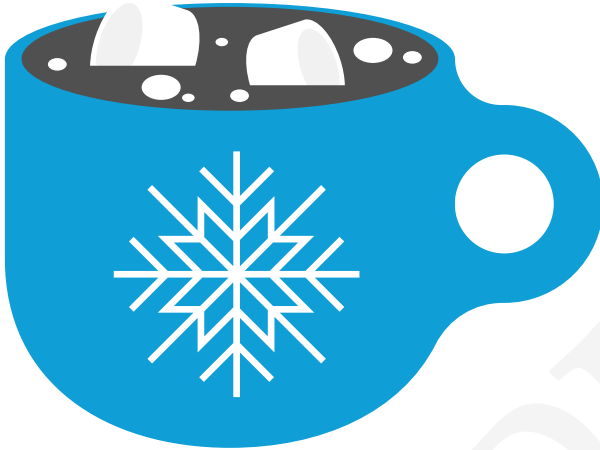


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CHAPTER 3: RESULTS AND METHODS FROM STUDY 2

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Table 3.1 Example of a table with notes

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APPENDIX A: FOCUS GROUP QUESTIONS

The following list of questions was used as an outline for the focus group questions. Where appropriate, the interviewees were asked to expand upon their answers.

1. How do dual enrollment programs help students?
2. How do dual enrollment programs hurt students?
3. How do you feel about the “college for all” model?
4. How do you see the dual enrollment program with the Advanced Skill Center impacting a student’s choices after they graduate?
5. How have local educational institutions changed their delivery of programs and services to meet the needs of middle achieving students?
6. How will a successful dual enrollment experience impact middle or underachieving students?
7. In your judgment, what are the requirements that should be placed on students who want to take dual enrollment courses?
8. In your opinion, what motivates a middle or underachieving student’s decision to attend post-secondary education?

APPENDIX B: SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Table B.1 An example of an appendix table on a landscape page

Item	Number
Keyboard	1
Monitor	2
Mouse	3

Table B.2 Table on a portrait page in an appendix

Sample Text 1	Sample Number 1
VHS	123
DVD	456
Blu-ray	789
4k	012