

## PREPARING STS (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year) RESEARCH CONCEPT NOTE/PROPOSAL

Please follow the 'FORMAT' as given below; *font times new roman, font size 12 with single spacing and justified:*

**IMPORTANT: kindly do not write name, mobile no. or email of student/guide/colleges in the entire proposal, if such personal information is present in the research concept note then it will be rejected.**

STS Reference ID	(Generated upon registration)
Title	(25 words max.)
Introduction	(300 words)
Objectives	(100 words max.)
Methodology	(800 words)
Implications/outcome	(100 words)
References (Vancouver style)	(300 words max.)

*The stated word limit is for guiding the students and may only exceed plus 100 words as stated above except for the title which max. 25 words only.*

**Reference ID-** Please write only the reference ID for identification on the top left of the first page. Identifying information like name of the student/guide, contact details like contact numbers/email addresses should not be provided in the proposal/concept note for unbiased review.

**Title-**A good title should be short, accurate and concise. It should make the central objectives and variables of the study clear to the reviewer.

**Introduction-**The purpose of an introduction is to provide the rationale behind the work, so that the reviewer may understand and appreciate the objectives. Please describe the importance (significance) of the study. Defend the model- Provide a rationale and describe the reasoning that led you to selecting them. Briefly describe the experimental design and how it accomplished the stated objectives. Describe the situation and specify clearly the gaps in the existing knowledge and/or controversy and in conclusive evidence. The discussion should be supported with appropriate recent review of literature.

**Objectives-**Should specify what kind of knowledge the study is expected to obtain. It should give a clear notion of what is to be described, determined, identified, compared or confirmed. Hypothesis may be stated and objectives should be specific, to the point and achievable.

**Methodology-** Describes all the procedures that will be used to achieve the objectives and justify the study design including any techniques and procedures to be used. This may include: type of study and study design, study population, sample size and selection criteria, proposed intervention (if applicable), data collection procedures & instruments used, quality control, confidentiality, plan of analysis/ statistical tools, ethical considerations with all required forms. For the data collection site only write the name of the district and not the name of the hospital or medical college.

**Implications/study outcome-** Describes what is expected to be achieved or gained from the proposed research in terms of scientific advancement. It can also include the skills and knowledge gained by the student.

**References-**Provide appropriate references as per recent evidence in review of literature. Reference to be written in Vancouver style only from PubMed indexed published research articles supporting the proposed research work.

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