

**Benedictine University Nutrition Department**  
**Oral Defense – Presentation to the Public**  
**Suggested Outline**  
**Held Annually in November**

- I. Cover Slide (title, researcher names)
- II. Literature Review (likely 4-6 slides)
- III. Null Hypotheses
- IV. Methods
  - a. Subjects
    - i. Description of subjects (include inclusion/exclusion factors)
    - ii. Number of subjects
    - iii. Where, when and how were subjects recruited
  - b. Instrumentation
    - i. Data collection instrument(s) used (bring a few extra copies of each to distribute to the audience and review a few sample questions using slides)
    - ii. How was instrument administered
    - iii. Response rate
  - c. Intervention (if relevant)
    - i. Brief overview of intervention
    - ii. If items (such as poster, handouts) developed in study, include and show
- V. Results
  - a. Highlight most important results
    - i. Relate to your hypotheses
    - ii. Include statistics and effect size
  - b. Graphs and tables can be VERY helpful
- VI. Conclusions
  - a. Tie to past literature findings
  - b. Recommendations for future research
- VII. Applications (what can we do with this information?)
- VIII. Questions and answer period

Handouts

Structured Research Abstract

Instrument(s)