

# Structure of the Thesis

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This summarises the content, purpose, and main findings of the paper, is approximately 100 words in length, and is presented on a separate page. It is succinct, accurate, quickly comprehended, and informative.

**v) Preface**

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**vi) Page Numbering**

All pages up to the end of the preface are to be numbered using lower case Roman numerals. The title page is treated as the first page but does not have a number printed. Arabic numerals are used from the beginning of the introductory paragraphs.

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- implications for theory
- implications for clinical analysis
- implications for the kinds of interventions that might be made in specific circumstances

- implications for what psychodramatic, sociodramatic, or sociometric interventions might be made with specific people

#### **xi) Conclusion**

This consists of a concluding integrative paragraph or two in which no new material is introduced.

#### **xii) Bibliography**

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