

Introduction to Research Methods

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The goal of this short course is to allow students to develop their research management skills, knowledge and values, which will consequently contribute positively towards improving service delivery and development of the country. The course enhances promotional and employment opportunities because it enhances professional as well as occupational development. The application further supports one of the strategic goals of the DUT which is to promote excellence in learning and teaching, technology transfer and applied research.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This short course is suitable for participants from any discipline who possess a Degree qualification and intend to register for Masters or Doctoral studies. On completion of the short course, participants can register for Masters or doctoral studies in any university that they wish to study.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After attending the course, the participants will be able to demonstrate general understanding of:

- Define research in general and health systems research in particular
- Enumerate the characteristics of research
- Identify the different types of research
- Describe the broad divisions (steps) involved in the research process
- Apply ethical principles in the research process
- Conceptualize the different phases of the research process
- Source and organise available literature applying the principles of literature review
- Compile a comprehensive report on a research project.

DELIVERY METHOD

Blended namely face to face contact and online facilitation. Web based learning, Group work, Project based learning and independent self-study.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Course applicants must be in possession of a Bachelor's Degree certificate or equivalent at a relevant NQF Level with two years' experience post qualification.

DURATION

The course will be offered (1) day a week on alternate weeks for 3 months (six sessions) from 08h00 to 16h00.

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