

Introduction to Qualitative Evidence Synthesis

8 Week Online Short Course: 5 October – 27 November 2020

The Centre for Evidence-based Health Care, Department of Global Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, offers this 8 week online short course to provide academic staff, students, researchers, reviewers and editors with the understanding of the principles to conduct and interpret qualitative systematic reviews.

24 hours total course time commitment over 8 weeks!

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After completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Have a broad understanding of qualitative research designs.
- Understand what qualitative evidence syntheses are and why we conduct them.
- Understand and differentiate the various types of qualitative evidence synthesis methodologies and their epistemological underpinnings.
- Apply the fundamental background and skills required to design and register a protocol for a qualitative evidence synthesis.
- Develop a well formulated research question appropriate for qualitative evidence synthesis.
- Develop search methods for identifying relevant studies for inclusion in a qualitative evidence synthesis.
- Identify and apply the appropriate sampling strategy in a qualitative evidence synthesis.
- Select and apply the appropriate methodological quality assessment tools to qualitative evidence.
- Identify and apply the appropriate epistemological lens that to frame the qualitative evidence synthesis.
- Understand and apply basic skills in the data extraction and synthesis for qualitative evidence synthesis.
- Understand and apply GRADE-CERQUAL in qualitative evidence syntheses.
- Understand the principles of conducting, writing, and interpreting qualitative evidence syntheses.

Upon completion participants will receive a Stellenbosch University short course certificate of attendance and CPD points.

Attendance limited to 10 - 30 participants. Cost R1500.

Reserve your seat now!

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