



Primer in Systematic Reviews online short course



The course aims for participants to find, appraise, interpret and consider the use of systematic reviews of effects

The **course duration is 6 weeks** (excluding orientation) and requires about 4 hours of effort a week.

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

1. Outline the rationale for research synthesis and phrasing questions
2. Identify the principles of randomised controlled trials and risk of bias
3. Find, read and appraise systematic reviews (SRs)
4. Interpret findings of reviews of effects, including statistical interpretation of meta-analysis
5. Be able to interpret a GRADE profile and Summary of Findings table
6. Outline key components of a systematic review of effects that need to be considered in applying to health policy and practice

Upon successful completion of the course and assessment, participants receive a **certificate of attendance** from Stellenbosch University.

Time/Topic	Topic
Week 1	Introduction, orientation to the online site
Week 2	Evidence-based practice and phrasing questions
Week 3	Randomised controlled trials and risk of bias
Week 4	Finding, reading and appraising systematic reviews
Week 5	Interpreting systematic review results
Week 6	GRADE and summary of findings tables
Week 7	Knowledge translation
Week 8	Post-course readings, access and discussions

The primer in systematic review course is interactive, fun and informative. Whether you are a clinician, policy maker or researcher, if you want to know more about finding, appraising, and using the best available evidence, this course is for you.

The course is presented from 1 November - 20 December 2021

Cost: R3000

To apply, please click on the link below:

[Application Form \(sun.ac.za\)](#)

or

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Deadline for applications: 18 October 2021

Deadline for payments: 25 October 2021