

Example Programme: Predoctoral Course in Medicine and Health Sciences

Week 1				
Session	Time	Venue	Theme	Facilitator
Monday				
BMRI	8:15	<i>On-site welcome & registration</i>		
1	8:45	Welcome and Introduction to PhD research in the SU Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences		Prof Nico Gey van Pittius
2	9:15	Doing a doctorate as clinician or health worker		Prof Karin Baatjes
	10:00	<i>Leg stretch / Phone break - kindly return punctually</i>		
3	10:30	The Scientific Endeavour		Prof Faadiel Essop
	12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
4	13:30	Conceptual and methodological frameworks for scientific research		Prof Faadiel Essop
Tuesday				
5	8:30	What is doctorateness		Prof Sioux McKenna
6	9:30	Conceptualising a doctoral study		Prof Sioux McKenna
	10:30	<i>Leg stretch</i>		
7	11:00	Asking the best possible research question		Prof Sioux McKenna
	12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
8	13:30	Research with impact		Prof Novel Chegou
9	14:30	Conducting a scoping review		Prof Charles Wiysonge
Wednesday				
10	8:30	Quantitative research design		Prof Renée Blaauw
	10:30	<i>Leg stretch</i>		
11	11:00	Blinding in research		Prof Renée Blaauw
12	11:30	Statistical design		Dr Innocent Maposa
	12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
13	13:30	Statistical analysis		Dr Innocent Maposa
14	14:00	Data management		Dr Innocent Maposa
15	15:00	Introduction to BioBank Science		Dr Carmen Swanepoel
16	15:45	Tour of BMRI BioBank		Mr Rubeshan Nayager
Thursday				
17	8:30	Qualitative research design		Dr Mariana van der Heever
	10:30	<i>Leg stretch</i>		
18	11:00	Qualitative data collection and analysis		Dr Mariana van der Heever
	12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
19	13:30	Mixed methods research		Prof Nicola Plastow
	15:30	Self-directed activity: Draft your research question and objectives		
Friday				
20	8:30	The structure of a research protocol		Prof Conran Joseph
	10:30	<i>Leg stretch</i>		
	11:00	Your proposal outline – facilitated workshop		Prof Conran Joseph
	12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
21	13:30	Self-directed activity: edit your outline / add relevant sources / discuss this with your supervisor		



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Week 2				
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Monday				
22	8:45	FMHS Library	Session	Mr Yusuf Ras TBC
23	9:55	Tygerberg postgraduate student facilities		Mr Kabelo Maloko
	10:05	SU Postgraduate Office	skills development	Ms Alison Bucholz
	10:20	Introduction to Innovus		Ms Nolene Singh
	10:30	<i>Leg stretch</i>		
24	11:00		Considering the societal impact of research	Prof Hassan Mohamed
	12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
25	13:30		Research ethics processes at SU	Mr Winston Beukes
26	14:00		Critical ethical considerations in contemporary health research	Prof Keymanthri Moodley
27	15:00		Evidence-based health care	Dr Michael McCaul
Tuesday				
28	8:30		Introducing academic (scientific) writing	Prof Susan van Schalkwyk
	10:30	<i>Leg stretch</i>		
29	11:00		The literature review	Prof Susan van Schalkwyk
	12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
30	13:30		Managing your writing (re)sources	Prof Susan van Schalkwyk
31	15:00		Introduction to Intellectual Property	Prof Nico Gey van Pittius
Wednesday				
32	8:30		Sounding scholarly: exploring conventions	Prof Lucia Thesen
	10:30	<i>Leg stretch</i>		
33	11:00		Speaking with giants	Prof Lucia Thesen
	12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
34	13:30		Structured writing - Facilitated workshop	Prof Susan van Schalkwyk Prof Lucia Thesen
Thursday				
35	8:30		The student - supervisor relationship	Prof Hans Strijdom
36	9:30		Preparing your protocol for submission	Prof Nicola Plastow
	10:30	<i>Leg stretch</i>		
37	11:00		Planning with the end in mind	Prof Usuf Chikte
38	12:00		Course evaluation	Ms Brigitta Kepkey
	12:20		Tygerberg Doctoral Office	Dr Liela Groenewald
	12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
39	13:30		<i>Self-driven activity: Prepare your presentation</i>	
Friday				
40	8:00		Protocol presentations	
	11:00	<i>Leg stretch</i>		
	11:30		Protocol presentations	
	14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
	14:30		Feedback	

