

Evidence Informed Decision making: The Art, Science and Complexity of Knowledge Translation

5 week online Short Course: 1 Sept - 2 Oct 2020

Evidence Informed Decision-making (EIDM) has become a hot topic particularly during COVID-19. The media, the public, practitioners and researchers alike have asked critical questions throughout the last few months.

- What constitutes “evidence?” and “Whose evidence matters?!”
- How do we distinguish “good” evidence from “fake news?”
- Why doesn’t good evidence always lead to good decisions?
- How are decisions-made?
- How do we effectively engage key stakeholders?

The Centre for Evidence-based Health Care, Department of Global Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, offers this 5 week online short course to provide researchers with a comprehensive understanding of Evidence-Informed Decision Making and the role of Knowledge Translation (KT) to advance this. The practical nature of the course means that delegates will complete 2 critical outputs relevant for their current research or projects (A stakeholder analysis and an engagement strategy for a key stakeholder).

28 hours total course time commitment over 5 weeks

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

Understand key concepts relevant to the science, art and context complexity of EIDM

Discuss various theoretical models & frameworks describing KT for enhancing EIDM

Appreciate the challenges decision-makers & practitioners face in using evidence for decision-making

Apply principles of stakeholder mapping to identify, categorise and map the power and interest of stakeholders particular to the research issues (advocates/adversaries)

Use a framework to design, create and populate a comprehensive stakeholder engagement strategy that incorporates all relevant elements

Outline a means of evaluating the KT efforts

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

Attendance limited to 25 participants. Cost R985.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT: Contact Liesel Esterhuizen, lesterhuizen@sun.ac.za by 17 Aug 2020.

The follow up 5 week online short course on **Engaging with Decision makers: Issue briefs for policy and practice** is offered soon after (26 Oct -27 Nov 2020) only available to those who have taken this prerequisite.

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