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# INTRODUCTION TO QUALITATIVE EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS

## Masters Elective

### Semester I – 2023

The Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, the Division of Health Systems and Public Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, and KU Leuven, invite you to register for their joint Global Masterclass on Qualitative Evidence Synthesis from 28-30 March 2023.

This elective course is offered as a module in the MSc Clinical Epidemiology and MPhil Health Systems. All teaching and learning will be facilitated via SunOnline. Synchronous learning will be spread over a period of 3 days, with students required to engage with content daily. The short course requires students to have a stable Internet connection and be available to attend and engage in all sessions. The course requires students to successfully complete formative and summative assessments during the period March to June 2023.

#### Objectives:

To train candidates to understand the methods and applications of conducting a qualitative evidence synthesis (QES) to answer a clearly defined healthcare question.

#### Content:

- Rationale and understanding of QES.
- Understand and differentiate the various types of QES
- Methodologies and their epistemological underpinnings
- Registering a QES protocol
- Develop a well formulated research question
- Develop search methods for identifying relevant studies
- Identify and apply the appropriate sampling strategy in QES
- Select and apply the appropriate methodological quality assessment tools
- Data extraction and synthesis for QES.
- Understand GRADE-CERQUAL in qualitative evidence syntheses.
- Understand the principles of conducting, writing, and interpreting qualitative evidence syntheses.

**Course fee: R3 000.00**

**Certificate: Masters Course Credit**

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