

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		

