

# Postgraduate Supervision in Health Sciences

## Workshop Outline

*To provide an interactive platform to engage on postgraduate research supervision, particularly in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, and to provide skills to ensure adequate managing of the supervisory process and nurturing the relationship with postgraduate students to successfully complete their research degrees.*

**Duration** – Two full days

### **Application**

Please consult our website ([www.sun.ac.za/RDStraining](http://www.sun.ac.za/RDStraining)) to apply online as soon as the application process opens (*usually 4 weeks prior to the event*).

**Venue** – Tygerberg campus

### **Purpose**

- Provide an introduction to postgraduate supervision for new and inexperienced supervisors
- Provide knowledge and skills to develop a strong core of successful postgraduate supervisors at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), Stellenbosch University
- Increase postgraduate supervision capacity at the FMHS
- Increase quality of postgraduate supervision at the FMHS

### **Target Audience**

- FMHS supervisors with minimal experience in research supervision
- More experienced FMHS supervisors in need of support and skills to equip them to build on their supervision skills

### **Workshop Content**

- Introduction to postgraduate supervision
  - Naming the game
  - Changing landscapes
- Approaches to supervision
  - Supervisory styles
  - Coaching and relationship building
- The regulatory environment
  - Health research ethics
  - Administrative processes and directives
  - Research funding
  - Publications
- Managing the research and supervisory process
  - Time management
  - Consultation and support
  - Communication
  - Research process and progress
  - Feedback to students

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Develop basic communication and coordination skills required to supervise postgraduate students
- Acquire the ability to apply and adapt various supervisory skills
- Acquire knowledge of the challenges supervisors and postgraduate students may face during the supervision of research degrees
- Acquire information about the FMHS structures and processes in order to ensure successful supervision

### **Training Approach**

Participatory and interactive with focus on practical application.

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