STADIO

HIGHER EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

BRIDGING PROGRAMME IN DISSERTATION SUCCESS

16 WEEKS | MODE: DISTANCE LEARNING

DESCRIPTION

STADIO Higher Education offers a unique online bridging programme to equip and support students who would like to enroll for a master's programme.

This bridging programme is aimed at prospective students with a qualification on NQF-level 8 but with inadequate credits for research design and methodology in their NQF-level 8 qualifications. It is also available to prospective students who need a refresher course before entering the master's qualification.

Successful candidates will be considered for admission to master's degree studies, although this is not guaranteed.

The course is presented by a highly experienced academic, supervisor and researcher, Professor Flip Schutte.
Weekly online lectures will be presented.

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

- **Outcome:** Research report of limited scope
- **Certification:** Students who successfully complete the course will receive a Certificate of Competence
- **Admission to a master's degree at STADIO:** Successful candidates may gain admission to a master's degree at STADIO, subject to normal terms and conditions.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Admission requirements:** A qualification at SAQA Level 8 (honour's degree or postgraduate diploma)

2025 PROGRAMME FEES

DETAILS	FEE
Registration fee	R2 140
Tuition Fee	R7 860
Application Fee	R570
TOTAL cost for Programme	**R10 570**

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROGRAMME CONTENT

TOPICS	CONTENT

Topic 1	Introduction and setting the scene
	    What is research?
	    Postgraduate research
	    What is a master's degree

Topic 2	Deciding on a tentative research topic
	    Sources – primary
	    Theses, dissertations, scholarly journal articles (research based), some government reports, symposia and conference proceedings
	Techniques
	    Brainstorming
	    Relevance trees
	    Selecting a tentative research topic

Topic 3	Construct an abbreviated literature review
	    What is a theory?
	    Identify research Gaps.
	    Conceptualising the concepts/variables to be investigated
	    STADIO Library.

Topic 4	Problem statement / Research problem Research objectives/ Research questions / Hypotheses / Propositions

Topic 5	Research Methodology
	    Population of Interest and sampling plan
	    Data collection plan
	    Measuring Instrument(s)
	    Data analysis

Topic 6	Ethical considerations
	    STADIO policies
	    Harvard referencing guidelines
	    Turnitin
	    AI-challenges
	    Academic writing, editing, referencing

Topic 7	Research report of limited scope (outcome) Combine the contents of all formative assessments into a single manuscript (not more than 15 pages). This document can follow the outline of a brief research proposal that explains how you would address (answer?) the research problem relating to your tentative topic