

STADIO

HIGHER EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF POLICING & LAW ENFORCEMENT

BRIDGING PROGRAMME IN THESIS SUCCESS

6 MONTHS | MODE: DISTANCE LEARNING

DESCRIPTION

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

The purpose of the programme is to provide students with the required skills and methodological knowledge for a full research dissertation. It is aimed at students who have obtained a master's degree, but who are not regarded as ready yet for a doctorate. The Course has been designed in a unique way, which differentiates it from standard methodology courses.

The six-month Bridging Programme in Thesis Success aims to meet this need. Successful candidates may gain admission to doctoral degree studies; however, this is not guaranteed.

The course is presented by the vastly experienced academic, supervisor and author, Professor CH (Neels) van Heerden.

Eminent academics will be involved at crucial stages of the course, including Professor Johann Mouton, whose textbook, "How to succeed in your Master's & Doctoral Studies – A South African Guide and Resource Book", is prescribed.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Admission requirements:** A qualification at SAQA Level 9 (master's degree)

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

- **Certification:** Students who successfully complete the course will receive a Certificate of Competence
- **Admission to a doctorate degree at STADIO:** Successful candidates gain admission to a doctorate degree at STADIO, subject to normal terms and conditions

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COURSE CONTENT

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS	DELIVERABLES
The Logic of Research		
Choosing a Topic for a Thesis	Draft title Keyword identification	How to construct a working title How to identify relevant keywords to focus the literature review
AIB	Abstract, Introduction and Background	How to/ and when to write the Abstract, Introduction and Background
Literature Review	Problem Statement Research Gaps Contribution to Science and Practice	Drafting a suitable research problem How to identify research gaps Determine probable contribution
Research Design	Conceptual / Theoretical Framework	Differentiate between types of frameworks and how to construct an appropriate framework.
Research Methodology	Alignment – from title to instrument(s) Methods Population Sampling	Building alignment from start to finish Select the most appropriate method(s) Describe the population of interest. Develop a sampling plan
	Data Collection Methods, Types, Tools, and Techniques Measuring Instrument(s)	Select the most appropriate data collection method(s) Quantitative Qualitative Mixed methods Construct the most appropriate measuring instrument(s)
	Data Analysis Methods, Processes, and Types	Select the most appropriate data analysis method(s), process(es), and Type(s)
Research Ethics	Types and Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the rights of research participants • Enhance research validity • Maintain scientific or academic integrity
Writing skills	The golden thread	Constructing the argument – sentence by sentence / paragraph by paragraph / section by section / page by page
List of reference	Representation of sources quoted and proper referencing	Use of technology Filing and retrieval Constructing a proper list
Managing your supervisor	The Mutual Relationship between Student and Supervisor	Communication schedule Signing an agreement
The final proposal	From top to bottom / From bottom to top / From right to left / From left to right / From corner to corner	Presenting your proposal