



**Course:**               **Academic Writing - A Practical Workshop**

**Contact Hours:**   **12**

**Pre-requisite:**      **None**

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### **Abstract**

This course will focus on your understanding of the principles of academic writing as well as key research concepts. Participants will be introduced to Harvard referencing and very importantly, how to avoid plagiarism. In addition, with the use of practical exercises students will develop a better understanding of the writing process and technique, and learn how to organize their ideas for the production of a required academic report.

### **Target Audience**

All students pursuing tertiary level programmes.

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of this course, learners will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the research process as well as key research concepts
2. Recognise what constitutes plagiarism, how to avoid it, and how to effectively utilise the Harvard Referencing standard
3. Utilise an appropriate academic writing technique;
4. Understand the importance of an effective writing process, including how to source and review academic literature.

## Course Content

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### **Day 1 – AM session (Learning Outcome 1)**

- Introduction to Research: The Research Process
- Understanding Key Research Concepts

### **Day 1 – PM session (Learning Outcome 2)**

- How to use the Harvard standard for citations and reference lists
- What plagiarism is and how to avoid it

### **Day 2 – AM session (Learning Outcome 3)**

- The tenets of academic writing
- Academic Writing: Language and style
- Spelling and punctuation
- Effective paraphrasing

### **Day 2 - PM session (Learning Outcome 4)**

- The writing process
- Sourcing & Reviewing Literature
- Structuring and producing the Report