

## RESEARCH ESSENTIALS : Developing Excellence in Research Design and Practice



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Why should I do this course?

Researchers need to be skilled in all aspects of their craft and be able to respond to the demands for rapid innovation. This course offers a unique model of education that allows members of the research workforce from a diverse range of disciplines to undertake flexible, affordable and contemporary training that is self-paced and individually tailored. This course offers a constant source of expanding modules and electives that reflect the changing nature of research in the Australian setting.

## How does it work?

Through a purpose-built interface, our Research Essentials course allows you to design your own pathway of study across the various Competency Units, Modules and Electives. Alternatively, our system will design a course of study individually tailored, based on your needs, particular areas of interest and your current research role. Design your own adventure or let our system design one for you!

## How does the system choose the right Course for me?

On entry into our Learning Portal, you will be asked to provide some basic information, including your areas of interest and discipline and your current research role. Based on this information, the software will select an appropriate course of study from across the various Competency Units and Electives to ensure that you receive the training most appropriate to your needs.

## Can I choose my own Course or pathway of study?

Certainly! One of the benefits of the Research Essentials course is that it has inbuilt flexibility that enables participants to devise their own courses of study – from single modules right up to full programs.

## How long does the course take to complete?

This will vary depending on what you require and/or choose.

A Course, Competency Unit, Elective or a individual Module all have different time requirements.

Some definitions are useful here:

**COURSE** A course is comprised of a combination of Competency Units and Electives.

You can design your own Course by selecting from the array of Modules and Electives - or let our system choose a pathway of study for you. A "self-designed" course will have a minimum total of 30 Modules and Electives.

## COMPETENCY UNIT

Six internationally accepted Competency Units are described overleaf. Each Unit is comprised of multiple Modules.

**MODULE** A Module is a single block of study that takes about an hour to complete. The number of Modules you select will affect how long your Course takes to complete.

**ELECTIVES** Electives are individual blocks of study that either extend Modules within the Competency Units or cover areas of interest outside them. An Elective takes about two hours to complete. The number of Electives available will expand as we continue to develop our resources and respond to the changing research landscape.

## Can I complete the study in my own time and at my own pace?

Yes! The Research Essentials course has been designed to accommodate the competing commitments of a complex workforce. You can choose the course of study that suits you and you can pace your learning to reflect your personal needs. The course is designed to add value to your career, not to distract you from your other responsibilities!

## Is the course only available online?

Research Essentials has been designed for an online environment. We will, however, also provide face to face workshops to deepen the learning experience and promote peer interaction and discussion.

## What accreditation will I receive at the end?

Participants will receive certificates of completion from PRAXIS on completion of each Module, Elective, Competency Unit or Course, detailing the Modules studied that can be used to accrue CPD. We are also working with a number of professional bodies to have this course endorsed.

## How much does it all cost?

PRAXIS Australia is a not for profit company committed to supporting the research sector through the creation of new services. We recognise that cost can be a major barrier to access to professional education and have therefore priced this course well below current market prices for tertiary style programs. Actual costs are as follows:

**Full Course** \$2000

**Competency Unit** \$750 per unit

**Module** \$150 per module

**Elective** \$250 per elective

Institutional and group discounts can also be negotiated, as can tailored packages for individuals or institutions.

## Do I need to have any pre-requisite skills and knowledge?

No – just a passion to learn!

## Will support be available if I need help during the course?

At PRAXIS we are very proud of the level of support our students receive. This includes personal interactions with our course management staff, Directors and our pool of expert advisers as necessary. We are also considering the addition of a mentoring component to this course at some point in the future.

## How can I find out more information?

Our team is always happy to talk with you to answer your questions or provide guidance and assistance.

**Talk to us or email** | Please contact us at any time if you require information or support.

**Call 08 8122 4576** | during normal office hours or Email [info@praxisaustralia.com.au](mailto:info@praxisaustralia.com.au)

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The PRAXIS Research Essentials Course is comprised of 6 core Competency Units and a selection of Electives, including over 60 distinct modules.

This competency based model draws on a number of internationally accepted best practice frameworks and has been adapted to reflect the needs of the Australian research sector.

The course is designed to allow students to select their own path of study or alternatively, our system can suggest one, based on the student's needs, background and experience.

Research Essentials has been developed and written by a group of over 60 of Australia's leaders in the fields of research, science and research ethics and represents a new and innovative model of education for the Australian research workforce.

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PRAXIS Australia Ltd promotes the understanding and practice of ethical human research in Australia and internationally - to enhance the welfare of research participants and the quality and effectiveness of research.



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