

# 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?

Research Essentials 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, Skill Set, Elective or an individual Module all have different time requirements.

Some definitions are useful here:

**COURSE** A course is comprised of a combination of Modules 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 can be made up of up to 24 modules and 6 electives. If you let the system choose a Course for you it is likely there will be more than this number of modules and electives.

## COMPETENCY UNIT

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

**CORE SKILLS SET** To help make choosing your course of study easier we have suggested a pathway of learning comprised of a smaller number of modules and electives, selected from across the 6 core competency areas. You can start at Skill Set 1 and work your way through each suggested subsequent Skill Set applicable to your current role or just choose one Skill Set that interests you or is relevant to your needs and experience.

**MODULE** A Module is a single block of study that takes about 2 hours to complete. The number of Modules you select will affect how long your chosen study pathway 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 three to four 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 can however, also provide face to face workshops to deepen the learning experience and promote peer interaction and discussion. Talk to us about this at any time.

## WHAT ACCREDITATION WILL I RECEIVE AT THE END?

Participants will receive certificates of completion from PRAXIS on completion of each Module, Elective, Skill Set, 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 (inclusive of all of the modules listed under the selected Competency Unit)

**CORE SKILLS SET** \$750 per skill set (inclusive of all 9 modules and electives within a skill set)

**MODULE** \$150 per module

**ELECTIVE** \$250 per elective

Heavily discounted Institutional and group discounts are available via our specially designed licensing model. We can also create tailored packages for individuals or institutions. Talk to us about these options at any time.

## 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.

## 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.

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RESEARCH ESSENTIALS  
CORE SKILLS  
SET PACKAGES



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

The Research Essentials course is designed so that students can either:

**A** Select their own study pathway from across the full array of Modules and Electives. A "course" is defined as a selection of up to 24 Modules and 6 Electives.

OR  
**B** Allow our system to suggest a path, based on the student's needs, background and experience

OR  
**C** Choose from the CORE SKILLS SET packages outlined adjacent.

# RESEARCH ESSENTIALS

## Developing Excellence in Research Design and Practice

The CORE SKILLS SET packages are designed to be a guideline for students. They provide a suggested pathway of study depending on the students level of experience, needs or interests. The Skill Sets outline a pathway of learning from basic and necessary concepts in Set 1 to more advanced learning. Students may nominate to undertake one or more Skill Sets.

IT'S EASY...

### STEP 1

Select the role which best matches your current position and experience

### STEP 2

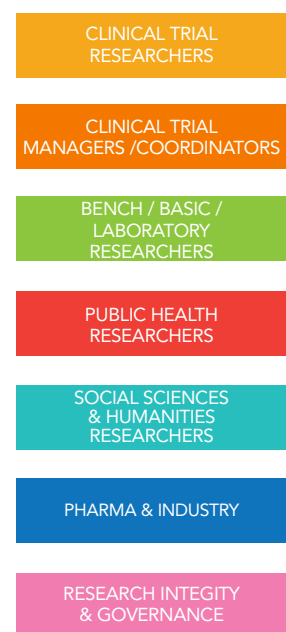
Choose ANY CORE SKILLS SET. There is no requirement to begin at SET 1 or to complete all the SET packages outlined within any CORE SKILLS group.

### STEP 3

Enrol!

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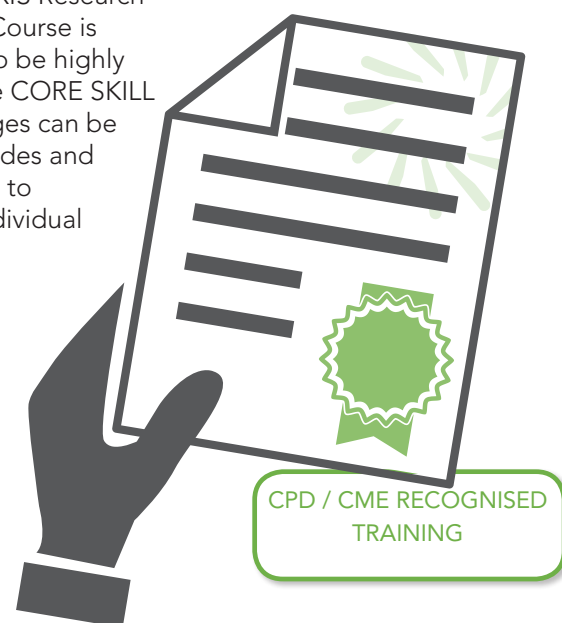
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Click 'Enrol Now' and follow the instructions provided.



You may decide to undertake a single CORE SKILLS SET or multiple SETS.

The CORE SKILL SET order illustrates a sensible sequence of progression from more fundamental concepts to more complex learning.

Institutions or students may choose to adopt these sets as they are, or, as the PRAXIS Research Essentials Course is designed to be highly flexible, the CORE SKILL SET packages can be used as guides and redesigned to build an individual pathway.



#### SET 1

- C1.01** Science and the Scientific Method
- C1.02** Identifying and Formulating Research Questions
- C2.02** History, Role and Purpose of Human Research Ethics
- C2.03** The National Statement
- C4.01** Data in research
- C5.01** Principles of GCP
- C5.07** Research Integrity and Research Misconduct
- C6.04** Publication and Authorship
- EM.03** Clinical Trial Design: An Introduction to Clinical "Drug" Trials

#### SET 2

- C1.03** Evidence in Research
- C1.04** Differentiating Research from Innovation, Clinical Care, Audit and QA.
- C2.10** Consent to Research
- C5.03** Conflicts of Interests in Research
- C6.03** Multidisciplinary Research and Collaboration
- C3.05** Research Monitoring and Audit: The Roles and Processes for the Monitoring of Clinical Trials
- C4.03** Data management (1) Creating, processing and analysing data
- EC.06** Regulation of Drugs and Medical Devices
- EC.03** Safety Monitoring and Reporting in Clinical Trials

#### SET 3

- C1.05** Research Design and Methods
- C1.06** Designing a Research Proposal
- C2.08** Ethics in Clinical Trials 1: Ethical issues in research design and conduct
- C2.09** Ethics in Clinical Trials 2: Identification of research populations, selection, recruitment, inclusion and exclusion criteria
- C4.04** Data management (2) Privacy, security and governance across the lifecycle
- C5.05** Legal Responsibilities in Research
- C6.05** Basics Presentation Skills
- EM.11** An Introduction to Statistical Methods

#### SET 4

- C1.07** Funding of Research in Australia
- C1.08** The Social Impact of Research
- C2.05** International Guidelines
- C3.06** Essential Documentation in Clinical Trials
- C4.05** Data management (3) Preserving, sharing and re-using data
- C5.06** Professional Guidelines in Research
- C6.06** Skills for 'Getting Published'
- EC.07** Rational Prescribing and the Quality Use of Medicines
- EM.12** An Introduction to Statistical Methods in Clinical Trials



#### SET 1

- C1.01** Science and the Scientific Method
- C1.05** Identifying and Formulating Research Questions
- C5.01** Principles of GCP
- C2.01** Introduction to Ethics
- C2.02** History, Role and Purpose of Human Research Ethics
- C2.03** The National Statement
- C2.10** Consent to Research
- EM.03** Clinical Trial Design: An Introduction to Clinical "Drug" Trials

#### SET 2

- C1.05** Research Design and Methods
- C2.05** International Guidelines
- C2.04** Organisation of HRECs in Australia
- C2.08** Ethics in Clinical Trials 1: Ethical issues in research design and conduct
- C2.09** Ethics in Clinical Trials 2: Identification of research populations, selection, recruitment, inclusion and exclusion criteria
- C3.05** Research Monitoring and Audit: The Roles and Processes for the Monitoring of Clinical Trials
- C4.03** Data management (1) Creating, processing and analysing data
- EC.06** Regulation of Drugs and Medical Devices

#### SET 3

- C3.01** Management Concepts in Research
- C3.02** Principles of Project Planning
- C3.03** Site Management in Clinical Trials
- C3.04** Managing Financial and Personnel Resources in Research
- C3.06** Essential Documentation in Clinical Trials
- C3.07** Quality Assurance for Clinical Trial sites
- C2.06** Cultural Safety in Research
- C2.07** Using Social Media in Research

#### SET 4

- C5.02** Global Regulation of Research
- C5.03** Conflicts of Interests in Research
- C6.03** Multidisciplinary Research and Collaboration
- C5.04** Risk Management in Research
- C5.07** Research Integrity and Research Misconduct
- C4.01** Data in research
- C4.06** Registries and Biobanks
- EM.07** Understand Data Linkage, e-Health Data and 'Big Data'



#### SET 1

- C1.01** Science and the Scientific Method
- C1.02** Identifying and Formulating Research Questions
- C4.03** Data management (1) Creating, processing and analysing data
- C4.06** Registries and Biobanks
- C5.07** Research Integrity and Research Misconduct
- C6.04** Publication and Authorship
- EM.10** Good Laboratory Practice
- EC.09** Animal Research – Principles

#### SET 2

- C1.05** Research Design and Methods
- C2.03** The National Statement
- C4.04** Data management (2) Privacy, security and governance across the lifecycle
- C5.03** Conflicts of Interests in Research
- C6.05** Basics Presentation Skills
- C6.03** Multidisciplinary Research and Collaboration
- C6.06** Skills for 'Getting Published'
- EM.11** An Introduction to Statistical Methods

#### SET 3

- C1.06** Designing a Research Proposal
- C1.07** Funding of Research in Australia
- C2.05** International Guidelines
- C4.05** Data management (3) Preserving, sharing and re-using data
- C5.05** Legal Responsibilities in Research
- C6.07** Intellectual Property for Researchers
- EM.07** Understand Data Linkage, e-Health Data and 'Big Data'
- EM.13** Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis



#### SET 1

- C1.03** Evidence in Research
- C1.08** The Social Impact of Research
- C2.03** The National Statement
- C3.01** Management Concepts in Research
- C4.01** Data in research
- C5.07** Research Integrity and Research Misconduct
- C6.04** Publication and Authorship
- EM.06** Introduction to Routine Data

#### SET 2

- C1.05** Research Design and Methods
- C2.05** International Guidelines
- C2.10** Consent to Research
- C4.02** Cultural and conceptual influences on data
- C5.05** Legal Responsibilities in Research
- C6.03** Multidisciplinary Research and Collaboration
- EM.07** Understand Data Linkage, e-Health Data and 'Big Data'
- EM.02** Social Media Research

#### SET 3

- C1.07** Funding of Research in Australia
- C1.04** Differentiating Research from Innovation, Clinical Care, Audit and QA.
- C2.06** Cultural Safety in Research
- C4.06** Registries and Biobanks
- C5.06** Professional Guidelines in Research
- C6.06** Skills for 'Getting Published'
- EM.11** An Introduction to Statistical Methods
- EM.13** Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis



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- C1.05** Research Design and Methods
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- C2.03** The National Statement
- C2.06** Cultural Safety in Research
- C2.10** Consent to Research
- C1.02** Identifying and Formulating Research Questions
- C4.01** Data in research

#### SET 2

- C2.06** Cultural Safety in Research
- C1.08** The Social Impact of Research
- C4.03** Data management(1)
- C4.04** Data management(2)
- C4.02** Cultural and conceptual influences on data
- C3.01** Management Concepts in Research
- C6.03** Multidisciplinary Research and Collaboration
- C3.02** Principles of project planning

#### SET 3

- C5.07** Research Integrity and Research Misconduct
- EM.02** Social media research
- C6.04** Publication and Authorship
- C6.06** Skills for getting published
- C1.07** Funding of research in Australia
- EM.01** Research with ATSI
- C6.01** Principles of leadership...
- C6.05** Basic presentation skills
- C2.05** International guidelines



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- C2.03** The National Statement
- C3.01** Management Concepts in Research
- C4.01** Data in research
- C5.01** Principles of GCP
- C5.02** Global Regulation of Research
- EC.02** Management of Investigational Products
- EM.03** Clinical Trial Design: An Introduction to Clinical "Drug" Trials
- SET 2**
- C1.04** Differentiating Research from Innovation, Clinical Care, Audit and QA.
- C2.05** International Guidelines
- C3.05** Research Monitoring and Audit: The Roles and Processes for the Monitoring of Clinical Trials
- C4.06** Registries and Biobanks
- C5.03** Conflicts of Interests in Research
- C6.04** Publication and Authorship
- EM.05** Introduction to Pharmacology
- EC.03** Safety Monitoring and Reporting in Clinical Trials

#### SET 3

- C1.05** Research Design and Methods
- C2.09** Ethics in Clinical Trials 2: Identification of research populations, selection, recruitment, inclusion and exclusion criteria
- C3.06** Essential Documentation in Clinical Trials
- C4.04** Data management (2) Privacy, security and governance across the lifecycle
- C5.04** Risk Management in Research
- C6.03** Multidisciplinary Research and Collaboration
- EM.11** An Introduction to Statistical Methods
- EM.07** Understand Data Linkage, e-Health Data and 'Big Data'
- SET 4**
- C1.08** The Social Impact of Research
- C2.10** Consent to Research
- C3.07** Quality Assurance for Clinical Trial sites
- C4.05** Data management (3) Preserving, sharing and re-using data
- C5.07** Research Integrity and Research Misconduct
- C6.07** Intellectual Property for Researchers
- EM.12** An Introduction to Statistical Methods in Clinical Trials
- EC.07** Rational Prescribing and the Quality Use of Medicines



#### SET 1

- EC.04** Principles of Research Governance
- C2.03** The National Statement
- C2.04** Organisation of HRECs in Australia
- C5.01** Principles of GCP
- C4.01** Data in research
- C5.02** Global Regulation of Research
- C1.05** Research Design and Methods
- C5.07** Research Integrity and Research Misconduct

#### SET 2

- C1.04** Differentiating Research from Innovation, Clinical Care, Audit and QA.
- C2.05** International Guidelines
- C2.10** Consent to Research
- C5.04** Risk Management in Research
- C5.05** Legal Responsibilities in Research
- C6.04** Publication and Authorship
- EM.03** Clinical Trial Design: An Introduction to Clinical "Drug" Trials
- EC.10** Animal Research – Ethical Oversight in Australia

#### SET 3

- EC.03** Safety Monitoring and Reporting in Clinical Trials
- C3.05** Research Monitoring and Audit: The Roles and Processes for the Monitoring of Clinical Trials
- EM.07** Understand Data Linkage, e-Health Data and 'Big Data'
- C1.03** Evidence in Research
- EC.01** Working with Industry and Conflict of Interest
- C3.07** Quality Assurance for Clinical Trial sites
- C4.06** Registries and Biobanks
- C6.07** Intellectual Property for Researchers