

# SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMME

## Short Learning Programme (SLP) in INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH The Independent Institute of Education (Contact)

### Who is this SLP aimed at?

The IIE Introduction to Research SLP is aimed at students who would like to enroll into the IIE Honours programmes, but who did not complete a Research Methodology module in their undergraduate degree. As research underpins any Honours qualification, knowledge in this field is essential before embarking on your studies.

### What will I study in this SLP?

The purpose of this module is to introduce students to the process of research and to develop their ability to assess the validity of research findings. Students are therefore introduced to the process of identifying a research problem and formulating research questions and the techniques used to collect, analyse, interpret and evaluate data to solve the identified problem. Emphasis is placed on theoretical principles and procedures as well as ethical considerations. Skills are developed through controlled application of techniques as well as in interpretation and critical analysis of research in a relevant field of study.

### Module Outcomes

At the end of this module, students need to be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the research process and the techniques of gathering, analysing, interpreting and evaluating data. Students also need to demonstrate the ability to assess the validity of research findings, present a basic literature study and evaluate ethical considerations applicable to conducting research within a given framework.

### How is this SLP structured at Varsity College?

The SLP in Introduction to Research is 18 hours in duration which will be presented in semester 2 of year one of the contact Honours Programme. It will be timetabled separately. You will need to successfully complete an examination at the end of the programme to pass this SLP. A timetable will be made available on campus.

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## **What is The Teaching and Learning Strategy of The IIE's Varsity College, and how will it help prepare me for the 21st century working world?**

At The IIE's Varsity College we are proud of and passionate about our shift away from the 'traditional lecturing' methodology to our blended-learning strategy – the VC Blend.

This blended-learning strategy extends learning beyond the confines of the classroom and creates opportunities for our students to work collaboratively, with peers and their educators, to construct their understanding of concepts. Student engagement is supported by the use of a learning management system (LMS) and the online learning materials that have been developed to underpin our teaching strategy.

This student-focused approach compels our students to be accountable for their learning while developing the critical skills they will need to thrive in the rapidly changing 21st century work environment.

As such, academic life for our students is dynamic, challenging and relevant.

Due to the VCBlend approach, you will be expected to spend time conducting your own research, study for assessments and work on assignments. To gain the most from the blended learning experience, VC's Wireless classrooms and campuses, students are required to BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) such as mobile devices, netbooks, laptops or tablets, etc. so as to develop the necessary academic and digital literacies over the three years of this degree.

### **Certification**

The Introduction to Research is a SLP that is certified by The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE).

All SLPs that are available through The Business School have been specifically designed for working adults. These SLPs differ from The IIE full qualifications that are also available through Varsity College and which are registered on the National Qualifications Framework. Before you register you must ensure that the programme you select best suits your individual learning and workplace objectives

### **British Accreditation Council**

The IIE is not only accredited in South Africa but its dedication to providing quality education also led to it being accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC) in 2014. The British Accreditation Council is an independent authority in the United Kingdom that accredits private providers globally, including Greece, Switzerland, Singapore, India, Mauritius and the United Arab Emirates. In 2017 The IIE had its accreditation status confirmed by the BAC as an International Higher Education Institution confirming our confidence in the international comparability of our standards.

“South African students need to know, when they select a private higher education institution, that the standards offered are equivalent to those of a public University. Our students get this from our extensive local accreditation and registration. The students also benefit from knowing that we meet international standards too. The IIE is accredited as an International Higher Education Institution by the British Accreditation Council. Locally and internationally we have demonstrated the quality of what we offer,” said Dr. Coughlan.

The IIE's Varsity College students can be confident that their IIE learning experience meets international best practice standards.”

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