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Introduction:

In today's rapidly evolving academic and professional landscape, the ability to conduct rigorous and impactful research is more valuable than ever. Our program is designed to provide you with the essential knowledge and tools to navigate the intricacies of research methodology with confidence. We will delve into the fundamental principles of study design and research methods, guiding you through each step of the research process from formulating research questions to disseminating your findings.

Program Objectives:

By the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Understand research methodology fundamentals.
- Formulate clear research questions and hypotheses.
- · Explore diverse study designs and sampling techniques.
- Master data collection methods and analysis techniques.
- Enhance writing abilities for research proposals and reports.
- · Apply learned skills effectively in research projects.

Targeted Audience:

- Researchers in academia.
- Professionals in various fields requiring research skills e.g., healthcare, social sciences, business.
- Individuals involved in policy analysis and development.
- · Consultants and analysts in research firms or organizations.

Program Outlines:

Unit 1.

Introduction to Research Methodology:

- Explore the significance of research in various fields.
- Understand basic principles of research methodology.



- Recognize the role of research questions and hypothesis formulation.
- Identify key components of a research study.

Unit 2.

Study Designs and Sampling Techniques:

- Examine different research designs and their applications.
- Understand the concept of sampling and its importance.
- Learn various sampling techniques, e.g., random and stratified sampling.
- Evaluate strengths and limitations of different sampling methods.
- Determine sample sizes effectively.

Unit 3.

Data Collection Methods and Analysis Techniques:

- Explore diverse data collection methods, including surveys and interviews.
- Understand principles of data management and organization.
- Learn basic and advanced data analysis techniques, such as descriptive statistics and regression analysis.
- Gain practical experience in using statistical software.
- Interpret and communicate research findings effectively.

Unit 4.

Ethical Considerations in Research:

- Understand ethical principles governing research involving human subjects.
- Explore ethical issues related to data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- · Learn about informed consent procedures and confidentiality.
- Identify and address conflicts of interest and biases.
- Develop strategies for addressing ethical challenges in research.

Unit 5.



Designing and Conducting Research Studies:

- Develop skills for designing research studies aligned with objectives.
- Learn how to develop research proposals and secure funding.
- Understand the importance of research replication and reproducibility.
- Explore strategies for effective project management.
- Understand the process of disseminating research findings through publications and presentations.