

The University Capacity Development Programme Office

Cordially invites you to the

SPSS Research Software Workshop



Date of Event:

17 August 2026 – Virtual on Teams &
18 August 2026 – Physical



Time of Event:

09h00 – 16h00



Venue

K-rith Tower Building: Susser &
Stein, Medical School



Registration Link:

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MEET THE FACILITATOR

Dr Siyabonga B. Dlamini, a lecturer and MPH/Dip Programs Coordinator at the University of KwaZulu-Natal College, Public Health Medicine, holds a PhD in Public Health. His research focuses on cancer epidemiology, and behaviour change interventions. He also has experience on HIV/AIDS, STI, and gender-based violence prevention research. With extensive experience in program evaluation and leading research teams, he has authorized peer-reviewed articles and supervises postgraduate students. As Co-Principal Investigator on multimillion-rand projects like the Multinational Cancer Control Program and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program, founded by the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation. The foundation recognized him for his contribution to research in 2023. Dr. Dlamini's work, presented at local and international conferences, advances public health through intervention development and teaching.

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The rapidly evolving landscape of academic research, proficiency in data management and analysis software is crucial for postgraduate students aiming to produce rigorous and impactful research. The Essential Software Skills Workshop is designed to equip Master's and PhD students with hands-on experience in four key software tools that support both qualitative and quantitative research.

This workshop is tailored for postgraduate students who have advanced beyond the proposal stage and are ready to engage in data analysis. The session will provide a hands-on approach to understanding the SPSS interface, inputting and managing datasets, and performing key data cleaning tasks such as structuring, merging datasets, recording variables and handling of inconsistencies. In addition to data preparation, participants will learn how to create summary tables, obtain descriptive measures and create visualizations. Along with learning how to navigate SPSS, an overview of commonly used statistical methods will also be covered. The aim is to equip participants not only with the technical skills to use SPSS, but also with the understanding of which methods or techniques are appropriate for different types of data and research questions.

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