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Epidemiology and statistical methods

Introduction to R
12 February, in person, (full day) ■

Learn how to apply simple biostatistical methods in open-source programming language R (and RStudio) using data from studies in health sciences.

Intermediate biostatistics: Regression methods
15, 16 February, online, (2 x full days) ■

This two-day online course introduces core regression modelling approaches, from basic principles to the practicalities of running analyses using statistical software and interpreting results.

VHIN Introduction to research in the IDI
18 February, in person, (full day) ■

Introduces the Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) and provides a toolkit and practical steps to maximise value from research using the IDI. Opportunity to ask questions of expert users.

Public health modelling for policy and practice
19 February, in person, (full day) ■

This course will equip you with an introductory understanding of modelling the health and cost impacts of preventive interventions. It will cover key terminology, different modelling approaches and the process of modelling a public health intervention. No prior knowledge required.

Qualitative and participatory research

Introduction to qualitative methods
15 February, in person, (full day) ■

This hands-on course uses a mix of public health research examples and practical exercises to explore qualitative research design, collecting data from interviews, documents and observations, and data analysis.

Co-creating research with lived experience: Principles, practice, and possibility
16 February, in person, (full day) ■

Join our one-day workshop exploring how to co-create impactful, ethical, and socially just research with people who bring lived experience of mental distress, addiction, and related health inequities. Learn key principles and gain practical guidance.

Using theory in social research
17 February, online, (half day, am) ■

This interactive course will equip you with foundational skills to use theory meaningfully to shape your research questions, guide your analysis, and strengthen your findings.

Public health knowledge: Evidence and equity

Meaningful inclusion of lived experience expertise in health education
9 February, online, (half day, am) ■

Develop the skills to strengthen teaching through the integration of your own or others' lived experience expertise. In this interactive online workshop, you will learn practical approaches, navigate psychological safety, and develop a usable framework for your own context.

Literature review and basic meta-analysis skills
9 February, in person, (full day) ■

This course covers key steps and essential skills for conducting a simple literature review, a systematic review, and meta-analysis including the use of software such as Covidence, Endnote and RevMan.

How to write a paper
19 February, online, (full day) ■

This interactive Zoom-based course will guide its participants through the publication process – from planning a paper, writing it effectively and, finally, dealing with the occasionally brutal peer review process.

Māori health and cultural competencies

Hauora Māori: Effective models of engagement and assessment
18 February, in person, (full day) ■

Introduces best practice Māori health models of engagement and assessment to support health professionals to work effectively with Māori.

Public health issues in focus

Climate health in action: Foundations and practical tools
10, 11 February, online, (2 x half days, am) ■

How do we get systems change to improve climate health and health equity in Aotearoa? Explore multi-level solutions and practical tools that centre te tiriti and te ao Māori approaches.

Smoking: Are we entering a new era of renormalisation?
10 February, online, (half day, am) ■

This online course explores how smoking may be becoming cool again. Discuss emerging evidence, perspectives from young people, and potential policy responses that could stop smoking from regaining its former social cachet.

Meeting the illicit tobacco challenge
11 February, online and in person (full day) ■■

The course examines illicit tobacco trends, supply chains and experiences of accessing and using illicit tobacco. We will review Australia's experience with illicit tobacco and explore interventions that could potentially avoid similar problems from occurring in Aotearoa. Join us in-person in Wellington or online.

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■ Online ■ In person See website for full descriptions and registration details.