



**MMSC6001 Induction Course: Dissertation Writing (Compulsory) Semester 1**

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Date	Time	Lecture Topic	Lecturer(s)
13.11.2025 (Thu)	18:30-21:00	<b>Workshop 1: The IMRaD Structure; Writing the Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your dissertation writing needs</li> <li>The overall structure of a dissertation in the Medical Sciences (IMRaD)</li> <li>The organization of an abstract</li> <li>The moves in an introduction</li> </ul>	Group A: Dr. Clarence Wang Group B: Dr. Daya Datwani Group C: Mr. Simon Scanlon Group D: Dr. Letty Chan
20.11.2025 (Thu)	18:30-21:00	<b>Workshop 2: Writing the Literature Review; Plagiarism and Paraphrasing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements of the Literature Review in the IMRaD structure</li> <li>Language features in an introduction</li> <li>The use of verb tenses in an introduction</li> <li>The need for academic honesty</li> <li>The use of GenAI in dissertation writing</li> <li>Direct quotations and paraphrasing techniques</li> </ul>	Group A: Dr. Clarence Wang Group B: Dr. Daya Datwani Group C: Mr. Simon Scanlon Group D: Dr. Letty Chan
27.11.2025 (Thu)	18:30-21:00	<b>Workshop 3: Writing Citations; Synthesizing Ideas; Writing in an Academic Tone</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The use of in-text citations</li> <li>Synthesis of ideas</li> </ul> The use of academic tone	Group A: Dr. Clarence Wang Group B: Dr. Daya Datwani Group C: Mr. Simon Scanlon Group D: Dr. Letty Chan
04.12.2025 (Thu)	18:30-21:00	<b>Workshop 4: Writing the Discussion and Conclusion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements for the Discussion section in the IMRaD structure</li> <li>The use of academic tone in the Discussion section</li> <li>Requirements for the Conclusion section in the IMRaD structure</li> </ul> Re-write of the introduction based on feedback provided	Group A: Dr. Clarence Wang Group B: Dr. Daya Datwani Group C: Mr. Simon Scanlon Group D: Dr. Letty Chan
11.12.2025 (Thu)	18:30-21:30	<b>Make-up Class (Zoom)</b>	Dr. Letty Chan

**Note:** This is a Compulsory course. There will be no examination, but students must attend all lessons and complete assigned tasks to satisfy course requirement. Students who do not fulfill this requirement will be asked to retake the entire course.