

# Workshop on Implementation Research for Social Services (12-13 July 2021)

## **Course Description:**

This course on implementation research introduces participants to the emerging field of implementation science – the theories, concepts, and methods, and its relevance to the social service sector.

Implementation research can consider any aspect of implementation, for example, the factors influencing implementation, the processes of implementation, and the outcomes of implementation, including how to disseminate and scale up a programme, a policy or an intervention. The intent of the research seeks to understand what, why, and how programmes, policies or interventions work in real world settings and to work towards improving them.

# **Topics covered include:**

- Developments of implementation science and its relevance to social services
- Theory-driven approach for programme design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- Theories and concepts of implementation research and how they can be applied in practice
- Implementation fidelity and adaptation in implementation research

#### **Course Objectives:**

- Understand and appreciate the relevance of implementation science to social services
- Understand the theories, methods and applications of implementation research
- Acquire knowledge and skills to study the implementation of a programme, a policy or an intervention

# **Course Schedule:**

• 12-13 July, 9:30AM-1:00PM (please attend both dates)

The workshop will be conducted online over Zoom.

# **Pre-requisites:**

At least a Degree in any discipline, with preference given to social science and community health disciplines and at least 2 years of working experience in the social service sector.

#### Who Should Attend:

The workshop targets policymakers, programme managers and practitioners, and seeks to equip them with the relevant knowledge and skills to study the design and implementation of policies, programmes or interventions, in order to improve access, quality, outcomes and sustainability.

#### Trainers:

Dr Chong Wan Har is an Associate Professor at the National Institute of Education, NTU. She holds a PhD in Educational Psychology from NTU and a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from NUS. She has been a principal investigator and collaborator in the evaluation of a number of early childhood and social service programmes. She teaches programme evaluation and implementation issues in in-service and graduate level programmes at NIE.

*Dr Robyn Tan* is a Research Fellow at the Social Service Research Centre (SSR), NUS. Her research interests include studying the implementation of policies, programmes and interventions. She has a keen interest in applying theory-driven evaluation approaches, particularly, the realist logic of inquiry in real world policy and service settings. She has provided training and consultancy for social service agencies on programme planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

### **Course Fees:**

This course is SSG-approved. Participants who are Singaporeans or Singaporean Permanent Residents will be eligible for 70% of the course fees, excluding GST. Singaporean participants who are aged 40 years old and above will be eligible for higher subsidies of up to 90% of course fees. Participants are required to attend at least 75% of the course and obtain a pass grade for the required assignments. The table below shows the breakdown of the course fee payable.

	International Participants	Singapore Citizens		Singapore PRs
		39 years old or younger	40 years old or older	
Full Programme Fee	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Less: SSG Grant Amount	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$630.00	\$630.00
Nett Programme Fee	\$900.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
7% GST on Nett Programme Fee	\$63.00	\$18.90	\$18.90	\$18.90
Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST	\$963.00	\$288.90	\$288.90	\$288.90
Less Additional Funding if Eligible Under Various Schemes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST, after additional funding from the various funding schemes	\$963.00	\$288.90	\$108.90	\$288.90

# Registration:

You may register online through the NUS Online Application Portal (OAP).

For corporate-sponsored participants, please click <u>here</u> for the registration guide. For self-sponsored participants, please click <u>here</u> for the registration guide.

Registration closes on 28 June 2021.