

## Competency building programme

**Theme:** Research Proposal writing

**Class:** III semester

**Date:** 5/7/2014

**Time:** 9am-1pm

**Faculty in charge:** Ms. Bharathi

As part of the competency building programme, the III semester students had research proposal writing activity on 5/7/2014 between 9am to 1 pm.

In the first hour, the format of the research proposal was given to the students and each component of the format was explained by the faculty members (Dr. Hemalatha, Mr. Mathew CP, Ms. Sushma and Ms. Bharathi).

The content of the proposal format was,

- Title of the study
- Introduction
- Literature review
- Rationale of the study
- Aim and objectives
- Hypothesis
- Operational definition
- Research design
- Sampling design (Universe, study population, sampling method)
- Inclusion and exclusion criteria
- Tools of data collection
- Statistic analysis
- Ethical consideration

The students were made to go through the format and were encouraged to ask questions.

In the second hour, the students were asked to work individually (library/class room) on their research topic. The students were guided to work on the objectives and methodology part of their research topic. In the third and fourth hour the faculty members (Dr. Sheeja, Ms. Sushma and Ms. Bharathi) encouraged the students for further discussions. The students came up with specific components of research format and were able to relate it to their topic to a larger extent. The faculty members helped the students in giving different dimensions to their topics.

The students were asked to prepare a draft copy of their research proposal to discuss with their respective guides in the next research hour.