



CASE STUDY: STRENGTHENING EVALUATION SKILLS FOR HEALTH INNOVATION

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KEY IMPACT

- Enhanced ability to conduct literature searches and evaluate economic evidence.
- Improved contributions to evaluation reports through structured analysis.
- Increased confidence in applying economic evaluation methods across varied healthcare projects, strengthening the quality and rigour of ongoing evaluations.

BACKGROUND

As an Evaluation Project Support Officer at Health Innovation North West Coast, Omobolanle Olagunju works on a range of projects that assess the effectiveness of healthcare interventions. She was eager to strengthen her ability to analyse economic evaluations.

"I'm always looking for opportunities to improve my skills and work more efficiently. When I saw this course, I knew it could help me do my job better."

EXPERIENCE WITH THE COURSE

For Omobolanle, RaCEEs was her first structured introduction to economic evaluations—and it made a clear difference. The step-by-step format, combined with assignments, helped her apply what she learned straight away. *"I really liked the challenge of working on assignments after each session—it helped me apply what I was learning straight away."*

She found the sessions on literature searches and economic frameworks especially helpful, gaining practical skills she now uses regularly in her role. *"Now, when I search for journal articles, I know how to structure my queries properly. That's a skill I use all the time in my work."*

The course also clarified concepts she'd previously found confusing, including the differences between cost-benefit, cost-effectiveness, and cost-consequence analyses. *"Before, I didn't fully understand the differences... Now, I do—and that's been really helpful."*

She's since used her new skills to strengthen evaluation reports, and believes the course could have even greater impact with more engagement from decision-makers. *"It would be great to have policymakers in the room... so they can see first-hand how economic evaluation applies to real-world healthcare decisions."*



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RAPID CONVERSION OF ECONOMIC EVALUATIONS (RACEES) COURSE OUTLINE

SESSIONS

Here's an overview of the sessions and the workshop:

- Session #1: Research question and selection of economic evaluation
- Session #2: Key attributes of an economic evaluation
- Session #3: Costs
- Session #4: Outcomes
- Session #5: Analyses and results
- Session #6: Introduction section / Q&A / Workshop info
- Workshop: Critical appraisal of economic evaluation / Implications for practice / Future research

After the workshop, the team leads co-ordinate the writing up of the commentary which is then reviewed by the team members and submitted to a journal.

OVERVIEW

The Rapid Conversion of Economic Evaluations (RaCEEs) course consists of 6 online sessions of 1 hour every fortnight and 1 all-day face-to-face workshop.

The course is designed to equip you with the skills needed to understand and critically appraise an existing economic evaluation. The final output is the co-production of a commentary of an economic evaluation which is submitted to a journal for publication.

Before the course starts each participant is assigned to a team which focuses on a specific topic, based on the interests expressed by the participants in the registration form. Each team is led by a team lead with expertise in health economics. After each session some homework is assigned to help you identify the different elements of an economic evaluation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) How much do I need to pay for the course?

Nothing - the course is free to anyone in the ARC NWC.

2) I don't know much about health economics: will I struggle to follow the course?

Don't worry, no previous knowledge is required. We will teach you things step-by-step and there will be plenty of time in each session to ask questions.

3) Is it a problem if I miss any of the sessions?

Not at all. You can always catch up with the recording of each session on a dedicated playlist on YouTube.

4) How will I access the material?

A Microsoft Teams space will be created and the material for each session will be uploaded there. You can also use the in-built chat to interact with your team lead and the other team members during the course.

5) How do I qualify to be a co-author of the final commentary?

You would need to show relevant contribution by trying to do the homework after each session (but we won't be strict!) and/or provide a critical review of the final manuscript.

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