

Methods is a core course in Education at the Postgraduate Diploma level. The course is designed to train students in the basic skills of conducting educational research. The skills include identification and statement of the research problem, data collection and analysis, interpretation and presentation of research findings. This study consists of a series of 13 lectures presented under the following major themes:

- (i) nature of educational research
- (ii) the research problem
- (iii) data collection and analysis
- (iv) research findings
- (v) report writing

Each lecture starts with objectives, followed by a short introduction. The purpose of the introduction is to link the previous lecture with the next one to be learned. Each lecture has practice activities which the learner is expected to carry out and discuss with the tutor. In addition, there are assignments which the learner is required to work on after studying each section. The materials in the lecture notes are as self-contained as possible but the learner is advised to read the recommended texts to supplement the lectures.