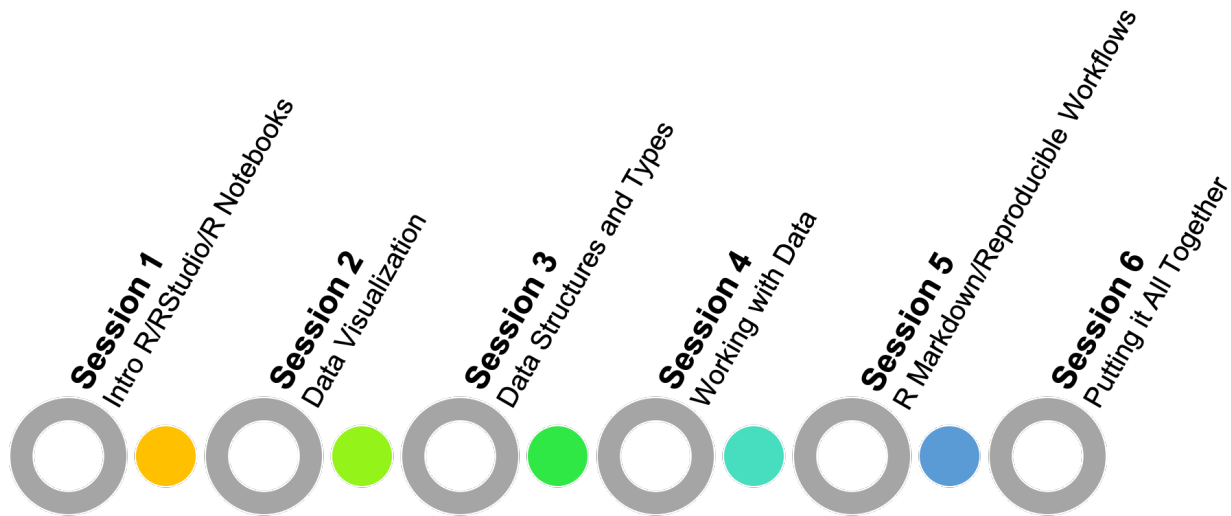


# NU Pathology Learn R! Series

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Welcome to NU Pathology Learn R! series, session overview. This document outlines the plans for the multi-week series.



Each 2-hour session will be conducted via Zoom and will include instruction with interactive coding examples and quizzes. Between sessions there will be opportunities to practice and enhance your R skills through exercises.

## Requirements

- R installed
- RStudio installed

*Installation instructions will be provided.*

## NU Pathology Learn R! Series Objectives

- Discuss best practices for reproducible data analyses.
- Write reproducible R code for data preparation, analysis, and visualization.
- Create sharable, customized reports using R.
- Perform basic troubleshooting of R coding errors.

## Session Objectives

### Session 1: Introduction to R/RStudio/R Notebooks

- Describe R, RStudio, and R Notebooks.
- Navigate around the key features of RStudio.
- Interact with R by writing and executing code and reviewing output.
- Manage your R environment.
- Discuss concepts of base R and its extended packages.
- Install and invoke R packages.
- Seek help for questions or troubleshooting.

### Session 2: Data Visualization with ggplot2

- Create publication-quality graphics using the ggplot2 package.
- Describe what types of customizations are possible with ggplot2.
- Discuss ggplot2 syntax and components.
- Save plots in different output formats.

### Session 3: Data Structures and Types

- Read data into R.
- Compare/contrast the basic data types in R.
- Describe the concept of data type coercion.
- Discuss how to represent categorical information.
- Create new data files.

### Session 4: Working with Data

- Change the format of data.
- Manipulate data and data frames.
- Subset data using base R syntax and tidyverse functions.
- Create quick summaries of data.
- Discuss how to handle missing data or NA values.
- Apply special functions to work with dates.
- Apply special functions to work with text data.
- Apply special functions to work with categorical data.

### Session 5: R Markdown and Reproducible Workflows

- Describe the benefits of using R Projects.
- Create an R Project and organized file structure.
- Generate sharable reports using R.
- Customize R Markdown output.

### Session 6: Putting it All Together

- Utilize skills learned in previous sessions to perform data analysis, visualization, and report creation.

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- Garrett Grolemund's Hands On Programming with R book  
<https://rstudio-education.github.io/hopr/>
- Hadley Wickham & Garrett Grolemund's R for Data Science book  
<https://r4ds.had.co.nz/>
- Amelia McNamara's Introduction to R & RStudio course  
<https://github.com/AmeliaMN/IntroToR>
- Jake Thompson's Tidy Data Science Workshop course  
<https://tidy-ds.wjakethompson.com/>
- Software Carpentry's R for Reproducible Scientific Analysis course  
<https://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-gapminder/>
- Dan Holmes, Stephen Master, Will Slade & Janet Simons's Intro to R Workshop
- Shannon Haymond and Kyle Hoenegger's Lurie Learn R! Series