



Study Group Comparison

Study Group Name:		
Based on Book:	Mastering Genealogical Proof by Thomas W. Jones	Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards by Elizabeth Shown Mills
Program Length:	8 weeks, one meeting per week	15 months, one meeting per month
Average # of Hours for Meetings and Assignments:	10-15 per week	~25 per month
Give and receive peer feedback:	No	Yes
Mentor:	Yes – Reinforces book concepts	Yes – Helps guide discussion and answer question
Mentor Feedback:	No – Mentors are volunteers and are not required to give feedback to students	No – Mentors are volunteers and are not required to give feedback to students
Coordinator:	No	Yes – a program alumnus who manages the administration of the group
Group Size:	~10	~10 per cohort (therefore ~10 in a monthly meeting) 2 cohorts per group
Zoom Meeting Frequency:	Weekly	Monthly
Zoom Meeting Length:	60-90 minutes	~90 minutes
Application Required:	No	Yes, to determine if students are educationally and experientially prepared
Education Required:	Yes. See website.	Yes. See website.
Cost:	~\$50	~\$125
Start Dates:	Each spring and fall typically	Each spring and fall typically
Technical Requirements:	Zoom, internet, basecamp, Microsoft Word	Zoom, Internet, basecamp, Microsoft Word
Book Requirements:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mastering Genealogical Proof 2) Genealogy Standards 3) Evidence Explained 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards 2) Genealogy Standards 3) Evidence Explained 4) Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers, and Librarians (optional)