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Answers to the Basic Questions about Practice-Based Inquiry®, serves as a brief introduction and overview to Practice-Based Inquiry. It is based on the text of the Catalpa Ltd. website.

Fundamentals and Foundations of Practice-Based Inquiry®, is published by Catalpa Ltd. as part of a series that explain both the conceptual and practical dimensions of Practice-Based Inquiry. It presents a comprehensive description of PBI definitions, assumptions and underlying concepts. It considers the place of PBI in the historical tradition of professional practice. Its central focus is how PBI works as a legitimate methodology and technology of inquiry that generates accurate and legitimate findings about the quality of professional practice. Its thorough and authoritative discussion of *Practice-Based Inquiry* provides the details necessary for understanding the value and how to use PBI as a research tool.

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Assuring the Legitimacy of Practice-Based Inquiry®: The Preparation, Review and Accreditation of a PBI® Visit Protocol.

Assuring the Legitimacy of Practice-Based Inquiry®: The Certification of Team Members and of Chairs to Lead Teams.

Assuring the Legitimacy of Practice-Based Inquiry®: Endorsing PBI® Visit Reports.

Assuring the Legitimacy of Practice-Based Inquiry®: Licensing PBI® Regional Centers.

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Catalpa's web-site (www.Catalpa.org)

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