

SHORT COURSE 2016: Qualitative Research Methods for Health Sciences

Research on Health and Society, part of the Division of Community Health, will be offering the Qualitative Research Methods for Health Sciences short course from July – November 2016.

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the role and philosophy of qualitative research methods within the broader research framework
- Be able to write a qualitative protocol
- Be able to do a qualitative interview, understand the running of focus groups and be able to do observation research
- Be able to transcribe an interview and to prepare the material for analysis
- Be able to analyse qualitative data using a content analysis approach
- Be able to write a qualitative report

The course is offered using a combination of lecturing and practical training in qualitative methods of data gathering and analysis. Theoretical material will be covered in the mornings and the afternoons will be used for practical training in interviewing and analysis. A series of assignments will take the students through a mini qualitative research project. Due to the manner in which the material progresses over the period of the course, students will be expected to attend all sessions.

Teaching schedule – full block days! (08:30 – 16:30)

21 July	Background to qualitative methods and the philosophy of thinking behind the methodology. Introduction to doing depth interviews. Practical training in doing depth interviews
22 July	Issues of sampling, preparing a discussion schedule. Writing a qualitative protocol. Practical training in doing depth interviews
05 Sep	Focus group interviewing. Participant observation. Practical training in doing depth interviews
06 Sep	Additional approaches to collecting qualitative data. Transcribing and coding data. Practical training in doing depth interviews
03 Oct	Analysis of qualitative data and report writing. Alternative theoretical approaches to qualitative research. Experience in doing focus groups
04 Oct	Integration of qualitative methods in a broader methodological set, ethical issues and evaluation of the methodology. Reading and discussion of ongoing development, plus revision. Doing analysis and report writing.

Evaluation

- 3 written assignments during semester
- 1 take-home exam (48 hours to complete)

Prerequisites

- Honours level qualification with some research training
- MBCHB or equivalent degree
- Bachelors degree with at least 3 years of direct research experience

The course is accredited for HPCSA:

- 30 General CPD points in level 3
- 1 Ethics point in level 2m

Cost: R3 300

Cost Point: R2020 project no: 002

Closing date of applications: 15 June 2016

All students to apply on-line. Please see below for the link:

<http://apps.sun.ac.za/SCD/ApplicationForm.aspx?offeringid=d6cbcab4-55fd-e511-939a-0050568068ef>

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