

CODE BSPH-310 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

Course Learning Outcomes:

- i. To understand the philosophical, ethical, and political issues involved in the practice of social science within public health.
- ii. Learning qualitative social research in public health.
- iii. Acquiring the strategies and techniques needed to conduct qualitative research on human behavior.

Course Content

- i. Philosophical basis of qualitative research applied to health settings

Major assumptions in qualitative research:

- ii. Subjectivism
- iii. Interpretivism
- iv. Social constructionism

The role of theory in the research process

- v. Inductive vs. deductive research

Major qualitative methodologies

- vi. Ethnography Method
- vii. Narrative Method
- viii. Phenomenological Method
- ix. Grounded Theory Method
- x. Case Study

Introduction to data collection methods

- xi. Observation and its types
- xii. Qualitative interviews with individuals in the arena of health care
- xiii. The principles and practice of ethnography
- xiv. Focus groups methods
- xv. Documents analysis

Approaching analysis

- xvi. Narrative analysis and thematic analysis
- xvii. Research ethics in qualitative research
- xviii. introduction to NVivo.

Recommended Readings:

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3. Flick, UWE. (2014). *An introduction to Qualitative Research* (5th ed.). Sage Publisher.
4. Priscilla, Uli., Elizabeth, Robinson., & Elizabeth, Tolley. (2005). *Qualitative Methods in Public Health: A Field Guide for Applied Research*. Jossey Bass Publisher.
5. Ritchie, Jane & Lewis, Jane. (2003). *Qualitative research practice: A guide for social science students and researchers*. London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi: Sage Publication
6. Fischman, MW. (2000). "Informed consent." In: BD Sales & S Folkman (Eds.), *Ethics in research with human participants*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. pp. 35-48
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