Research Methods

Course on Applied Qualitative Methods for Quality Improvement and Systems Change

This is an intricately designed six-week online short research methods course, mainly focussing on the action-oriented and intentional use of qualitative methods rather than the mainstream conservative ideology of qualitative research. Through this course, the participants are expected to understand the importance of qualitative methods within the broader context of research methods, the selection of the appropriate qualitative design for a particular research question and the actual application of each qualitative design on ground or in policy. This course also emphasizes the different participatory methods and ethical considerations involved, strategies for programmatic understanding and improvement, qualitative research designs that center service user and provider perspectives on the ground and qualitative research designs to impact systems or policy.

Objective

The research methods course on "Applied Qualitative Methods for Quality Improvement and Systems Change" seeks to:

- Create a strong foundation on applied qualitative research methods
- Equip the participant in understanding how to choose an appropriate research methodology for a particular research question
- Gain an in depth understanding towards sampling strategies and interviewing methods with respect to different case scenarios, and to
- Provide a basic understanding on targeted, thematic and relational coding.

health care within public and private services.

Who can apply?

We welcome all interested mental health professionals, researchers, academicians, postgraduate students, and undergraduate students are welcome to apply for the course. The course is succinct and fulfills the objectives in very limited classes, so that it is accessible to working professionals as well.

Duration of the course

This is a 6-week course with 6 classes, once every week. The total teaching hours are 12hours as each class will be 2-hour long.

Important Dates

Start Date of Application: 16th April
Last Date of Application: 14th May
Course Begins: 17th May, 2022

Module Outline

Module 1 : The Big Picture

Module 2: Participatory Methods & Ethical Considerations

Module 3: Qualitative research for programmatic understanding and improvement

Module 4: Qualitative research designed to center service user & provider perspectives on the ground/ complicate top-down implementation

Module 5: Qualitative research designed to impact systems or policy

Module 6: Coding qualitative material

Time Table (Tentative)

Week	Module	Date	Professor

Week 1	**Big Picture**
	
	▪ The place of qualitative work within the broader landscape of research methods
	
	▪ Qualitative methods design that matches the particular research questions
	
	▪ Qualitative methods design for impact (goals, audience, how the work will be used on the ground or in policy)
	
	   i) Thinking about the level of complexity of end products/reports
	
	   ii) Sampling & sample size
	
	▪ Impact logic model exercise/break out: discussi[on] actual/planned/hypothetical projects and how and in ways they might be used to bring about improvem[ent] change
		17.05.2022	**Dr. Nev Jones**

Week 2	**Participator Methods & Ethical Considerations** • Defining "participatory" • Involvement & leadership strategies	**24.05.2022**	**Dr. Nev Jones**
Week 3	**Qualitative research for programmatic** **understanding & improvement** • Rapid ethnography • Interviewing focused on process & implementation • Sampling strategies • Ecological framework	**31.05.2022**	**Dr. Nev Jones**
Week 4	**Qualitative research designed to center service** **user & provider perspectives on the ground/** **complicate top-down implementation** • Sampling strategies • Trust/how to have a honest conversation • Focus areas/topics: power and perceived power	**7.06.2022**	**Dr. Nev Jones**
Week 5	**Qualitative research designed to** **impact systems or policy** • Key questions: what do systems leaders of policy makers know or need to know that would help shift policy at the systems or higher structural levels? • What samples, interview questions will contribute • What type of coding and reporting will contibute	**14.06.2022**	**Dr. Nev Jones**
Week 6	**Coding qualitative Material** • Targeted coding • Thematic Coding • Relational Coding	**21.06.2022**	**Dr. Nev Jones**

If you think this course is for you, please fill the application form

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