

**Course Title : Qualitative Research Methods**

**Course Code : PSY-814**

**Credit Hours : 3**

**Pre Requisite: Research Methods I**

**Course Description:**

The overall aim of this course is to enable the student to critically evaluate the use of qualitative methods in public health research – both research which informs practitioners work and research in which the student may be involved in planning, designing, conducting and writing up.

**Objectives:**

- Provides students an understanding of qualitative research methods and its fundamental requirements.
- Enhance their competence in conducting qualitative research and interpretation of findings.
- Enable them to write qualitative research reports in scientific manner.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- The students will be able to differentiate qualitative methodology from other research designs and choose the appropriate designs keeping in view research questions.
- The student will demonstrate skills to code the qualitative findings and interpret the data.
- The student will develop skills to write qualitative research reports.

**Course Content:**

- Comparing qualitative and quantitative methods
- Ethical guidelines for qualitative research
- Discourse analysis
- Grounded theory
- Ethnography

- Phenomenology
- Observational research
- Qualitative study designs
- Sampling in qualitative research
- Data collection and data analysis
- Software for analysis of qualitative data

**Suggested Readings:**

- Liamputtong, P. and Ezzy, D. (2005). Qualitative Research Methods. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.
- Melbourne: Oxford University Press.
- Denzin, N. and Lincoln, Y. (eds) (2000). Handbook of Qualitative Research. 3<sup>rd</sup>ed.
- Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Patton, M.Q. (2002). Qualitative Research and Evaluation Methods (3rd ed).
- Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.