

Course Type	Course Code	Name of Course	L	T	P	Credit
DE	NHSD517	Qualitative Research Methods	3	0	0	3

Course Objective
To understand the theoretical foundations and applications of qualitative research
Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this course, students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be familiar with the theory of qualitative research</li> <li>• Be trained in generating and analyzing qualitative data</li> <li>• Be able to understand the scope and application of qualitative research</li> </ul>

Unit No.	Topics to be Covered	Lecture Hours	Learning Outcome
1	Introduction History of Qualitative Research Major Paradigms Basic tenets of Qualitative Research	10	Understanding the historical origins of qualitative research and the major paradigms. Exploring the basic tenets of qualitative research
2	Qualitative Data Collection Entering the field, role of empathy and reflexivity in generating qualitative data, Ethnography, Interviewing and Sampling	9	Understanding the major methods of data collection, issues related to entering the field, concepts of empathy and reflexivity and strategies to generate rich qualitative data
3	Qualitative Data Analysis Foundations and applications of Constructivist Grounded Theory	9	Understanding the methods of analyzing qualitative data.
4	Praxis: Action research and Participatory approaches Ethics, Quality and Rigour, Challenges of doing sensitive research	9	Exploring issues of ethics and rigour in qualitative research. Understanding the utility of qualitative research in bringing change. Understanding the issues of doing research on sensitive topics
5	Qualitative research in the digital age Digital tools of data collection, organization and analysis	5	Understanding the recent advancements in qualitative research in the digital era.
<b>Total Lecture Hours</b>		<b>42</b>	

### Text books

1. Flick, U. (2009) An Introduction to Qualitative Research, London: Sage.
2. Denzin, N.K. & Lincoln, Y. (2005). Handbook of qualitative research (3<sup>rd</sup> ed). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

### Reference books

1. Doing Qualitative Research: A Practical Handbook by David Silverman
2. Constructing Grounded Theory: A Practical Guide through Qualitative Analysis by Kathy Charmaz