

Qualitative Health Research: ADVANCED module: Appraising qualitative health research

Facilitators

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Experts and experimented researchers in qualitative methods will intervene on different subjects throughout the 2 days.

Description

Qualitative health research helps grasp behaviors and practices of patients and populations, combined with the meaning health professionals and stakeholders give to their practices and actions, both are known to underline and influence health practices.

By giving particular attention to the context of an intervention, qualitative research is particularly effective for evaluating programs and practices in the public health field. It allows to reflect on the broader healthcare context, with its socio-cultural and historical features.

Objectives

In continuation of the basic module and addressed to (semi) experienced researchers in qualitative research, this advanced module will be based on the use of common data collection tools, coding analysis process with discussion building and derived theory, as well as quality criteria discussions and a focus on grounded theory. Participants will categorize and hierarchize the emerged themes and will be led through the whole analysis process, from classification and contrasting, to the writing of results and discussion of qualitative dissertations and manuscripts.

Learning outcomes: discuss and appraise quality in research protocols and papers; conduct a qualitative study themselves, as well as put emphasis on the importance of the theoretical framework underlying the interpretive process of researchers.

Dates

30 November/ 1 December 2026

Eligibility

Open to students who followed the basic module, and experimented researchers in the health field.

Course Structure

Presentations, guided discussions, small assignment during the course, multimedia course material, group exercises, classroom experience of conducting qualitative research, interactive sessions.

Assessment

Participants will present in groups the full protocol they established and receive feedback from their peers and facilitators.

Credits

1 ECTS

Preparation work: 4 h; Contact time: 16 h; Follow up: 6 h

(1 ECTS corresponds to appr. 25-30 hours workload)

Location

Unisanté, University of Lausanne

Course Fees

	1 ECTS
SSPH+ IGC PhD and MD Students	30 CHF
Postdocs from SSPH+ partner institutes with a SSPH+ Faculty Member as line manager	30 CHF
External PhD students, external MD Students, postdocs from SSPH+ partner institutes without a SSPH+ Faculty Member as line manager and Swiss Public Health Doctors in training	300 CHF
Others	800 CHF

Registration

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Deadline for Registration

30 October 2026