# MH930-20 Qualitative Research Methods in Health

## 20/21

**Department**
Warwick Medical School
**Level**
Taught Postgraduate Level
**Module leader**
Bronwyn Harris
**Credit value**
20
**Module duration**
12 weeks
**Assessment**
100% coursework
**Study location**
University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

## Introductory description

Module web page

## Module aims

Develop knowledge and understanding of qualitative methods as used in health-related research and develop your skills in the use of these methods.

## Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

- Conceptual foundations of qualitative research
- The role of qualitative research in health economy
- Matching the method to the research question
- Critical appraisal and assessment of qualitative studies

- Sampling
- Data collection methods: e.g. interviews, focus groups, ethnographic observations
- Data analysis
- The place of qualitative software (e.g. NVivo)
- Research ethics and governance

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- - Acquire and demonstrate a critical understanding of the origins and uses of qualitative research methods in relation to health.
- - Demonstrate how to develop a research question and use appropriate qualitative methods to answer it.
- - Identify a range of qualitative data collection and analysis methods and describe when and how they should be used.
- - Critically apply qualitative methods for research in health.

## Indicative reading list

Reading lists can be found in Talis

## Subject specific skills

Sound understanding of subject
Critically evaluate
Reflection

## Transferable skills

Numeracy
Thinking and problem solving
written communication
oral communication
Teamwork
Organisation & time management
Use of tools and technology
Commercial awareness
Independence and initiative
Adaptability/Flexibility

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## Study

## Study time

| Type | Required |
|---|---|
| Lectures | 7 sessions of 1 hour 30 minutes (5%) |
| Seminars | 8 sessions of 1 hour (4%) |
| Tutorials | 1 session of 2 hours 30 minutes (1%) |
| Practical classes | 1 session of 4 hours 30 minutes (2%) |
| Private study | 172 hours 30 minutes (86%) |
| Assessment | 2 hours (1%) |
| Total | 200 hours |

## Private study description

172.5 hours self-directed learning directed as follows:
Pre-course reading and preparation (approx. 10 hours)
Independent study during course (approx. 5 hours)
Independent study post-course and assignment preparation (23 hours presentation, 94.5 hours written essay)

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

### Assessment group A2

| Assessment component | Weighting | Study time | Eligible for self-certification |
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| Presentation (Part A) | 20% | 1 hour | No |

A 10 minute recorded presentation on a methodological aspect of data collection for qualitative health research.

**Reassessment component is the same**

| Assessment component | Weighting | Study time | Eligible for self-certification |
|---|---|---|---|
| Written Assignment (Part B) | 80% | 1 hour | Yes (extension) |

Written assignment to demonstrate understanding of qualitative methodology and its application for health.

**Reassessment component is the same**

### Feedback on assessment

Written feedback will be provided for the written assignments in line with WMS postgraduate assessment criteria. Further verbal and written feedback will be made available to students on request.

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## Availability

## Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of TMHS-B9A4 Postgraduate Award in Qualitative and Comparative Research Methods in Health
- Year 1 of TMDS-B9C2 Postgraduate Taught Health Research

This module is Core optional for:

- TMHS-B930 MSc in Health Sciences
  - Year 1 of B930 Health Sciences
  - Year 1 of B930 Health Sciences
  - Year 7 of B930 Health Sciences
  - Year 8 of B930 Health Sciences

This module is Optional for:

- Year 1 of TIMA-L981 Postgraduate Social Science Research
- Year 1 of TMDS-B9C2 Postgraduate Taught Health Research
- Year 1 of TMHS-B902 Public Health

This module is Core option list A for:

- Year 1 of TMHS-B906 MSc in Diabetes