SW 711: Qualitative Methods in Social Work Resea

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The purpose of this class is to introduce students to the theories, assumptions, and practices underlying the use of qualitative research in social work. In the tradition of survey courses, this class examines the broad history, concepts, and themes that distinguish multiple methods of qualitative research, specifically as they relate to social work research. Students will study, practice, and reflect on different qualitative research methodologies and consider the components and challenges faced when engaging in qualitative research methods. Each student will design and conduct his/her own qualitative study using ethnography. Issues related to data collection, negotiating access to the field, ethics, and representation will be of particular importance. While it is not assumed that students will gain a comprehensive understanding of all qualitative research traditions over the trajectory of the course, it is expected that, upon completion, students will acquire the foundational knowledge and experience to begin evaluating, selecting, and defending appropriate ethnographic methods for use in their own research projects.

3 Credits

Prerequisites

- Pre-Requisite: PH.D. IN SOCIAL WELFARE

Instruction Type(s)

- Lecture: Lecture for SW 711

Subject Areas

- Social Work

Related Areas

- Social Work, Other

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