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UNDERSTANDING AND UNDERTAKING QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

FEBRUARY 12-28, 2026 | HYBRID



SHORT COURSE FOR
RESEARCHERS, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTERS, AND STUDENTS

PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences

Background

This hybrid interactive course on understanding and undertaking qualitative research with commonly employed research methods and tools will familiarize trainees with the components and techniques of qualitative research.

Trainee profiles

Researchers and programme implementers in government and civil society organisations; research associates in academic institutions refining research skills; students studying epidemiology, environmental health, social and behavioural sciences and health or gender and health.

Aim

- Introduce qualitative research, distinguish it from quantitative research, and highlight the utility of each
- Explore the critical role of the researcher in qualitative research
- Examine commonly employed research methods and tools
- Understand how to design qualitative studies, data analyses frameworks and guidelines for recording, processing, analysing, interpreting, and presenting data.

Mode of delivery

Hybrid format

4 online sessions on two days across two weeks and in-person sessions of two days at PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad.

Number of seats: 30

List of topics covered

- Overview of the structure and design of a qualitative research project
- The researcher in qualitative research
- Formulating research questions, methods, and tools
- Collecting data & Recording data
- Data preparation and processing
- Introduction to data analysis and presentation

Evaluation

- Hands-on practical tasks to be undertaken individually and in small groups
- Multiple-choice questions

Course fee

INR 6000 including taxes, lunch and tea on all course days for in-person sessions.

Course Schedule :

Mode	Date	Hours
Online	12 & 13 February, 2026	5:00 to 7:00 PM
Online	19 & 20 February, 2026	
In-person	Feb 27, 2026	10.00 am to 5:00 PM
	Feb 28, 2026	10:00 am to 2:00 PM

Accommodation not included, assistance can be provided in suggesting nearby options

Last date to apply : 30 January, 2026

FAQs

Course instructors



J. K. Lakshmi
Professor, PHFI IPHS

Josyula K. Lakshmi has a Bachelor's degree in Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery, a Master of Science in Health Promotion, and aPhD in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and Gerontology. She pursues qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods research, teaching, training, and student-mentoring in health promotion; environmental health; health governance; the workforce engaged in traditional, complementary and alternative medicine; road safety; communication; physical activity; nutrition; research methods and ethics; and ageing.



Gracy Andrew
Head-Trainings,
PHFI IPHS

Gracy Andrew, A Clinical Psychologist by training comes with 25+ years of experience in the area of youth health. Before joining IIPHH as Head-Training, she served as Vice President and India- Country Director at WorldBeing. An experienced Qualitative researcher, she has conducted a large number of qualitative studies and conducted training and supervision of qualitative data collectors across various organizations. In 2019, she was appointed as a member of the WHO's guidance development group for promotional programs on global adolescent mental health. She is currently leading a Wellcome Trust funded project on developing a learning network and guidelines for Qualitative longitudinal Mental Health data.



Dr.Nanda Kishore Kannuri
University of Hyderabad

Nanda Kishore Kannuri is a social anthropologist with an interest in the intersection of anthropology and public health. His work bridges ethnographic analysis with policy and practice, aiming to improve the lives of vulnerable communities. His research interests include medical anthropology, multi-species ethnography, marginalisation, mental health and well being, community-based participatory research approaches, and sustainability.

Before joining the University of Hyderabad, he was a Professor of Social and Behavioural Sciences at the Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad. He has about 25 years of work experience in the social development sector and academia.

He holds adjunct appointments at IIT- Hyderabad, Indian Institute of Public Health, Shillong, and Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. He is currently working on projects related to Single-use plastics in healthcare, the Integration of Healthcare Innovations into Sustainable Public Health Programs, and the Relationship between Heat, agriculture, and Depression.

Interested candidates may apply by clicking this link :

Application form

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