

Web Resources

Qualitative Research Guidelines Project (<http://www.qualres.org/index.html>)

Designed specifically for researchers in healthcare settings, this site is intended to provide “a comprehensive guide” “for people developing, evaluating and engaging in qualitative research projects.” For those who want to obtain further information on qualitative research, there are links providing background information on different qualitative traditions and approaches, guidelines for reviewing qualitative research reports, and guidelines for designing, analyzing, and reporting qualitative research.

The Qualitative Report (<https://nsuworks.nova.edu/tqr/>)

This online journal contains links to numerous qualitative research resources on the Internet, including web resources, books, articles, and chapters on teaching, learning about, doing, and evaluating qualitative research.

Fundamentals of Qualitative Research Methods

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbdN_sLWl88&list=PLqHnHG5X2PXCcCMYn3_EzugAF7GKN2poQ)

Leslie Curry, a senior research scientist at the Yale School of Public Health, presents a series of six min-lectures on qualitative research methods. The goal of these six “modules” is “to enhance our capacity to conceptualize, design and conduct qualitative research in the health sciences.” Despite the focus on the health sciences, the modules provide elementary information accessible to sociology undergraduates. The six modules cover the following topics: (1) What is qualitative research, (2) Developing a qualitative research question, (3) Major qualitative study design: interviews, (4) Major qualitative study design: focus groups, (5) Overview of qualitative data analysis, and (6) Scientific rigor in qualitative research.

Online QDA (<http://onlineqda.hud.ac.uk/index.php>)

This site provides a wealth of learning materials for those undertaking qualitative data analysis and for those using Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis (CAQDAS) software. Click “How to use” and then “Introduction: for a four-minute video that introduces users to the web site. Especially useful for novice researchers are pages on data preparation, coding, and writing, and audio and video tutorials on developing, revising, and simplifying the coding scheme.