

Qualitative Meta-Synthesis Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Research and Data Analysis	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the principles and frameworks of qualitative meta-synthesis.
2. Conduct systematic literature searches for qualitative studies.
3. Apply critical appraisal tools to assess study quality.
4. Develop robust data extraction strategies.
5. Identify emerging patterns and themes in qualitative data.
6. Perform thematic synthesis and meta-interpretation.
7. Integrate findings across multiple studies using evidence-based approaches.
8. Enhance research credibility and methodological rigor.
9. Utilize software tools for qualitative data management.
10. Translate synthesis outcomes into practical recommendations.
11. Present synthesized results with clarity and impact.
12. Address ethical considerations and transparency in meta-synthesis.
13. Build capacity for innovative qualitative research design.

Target Audience

- Academic researchers and PhD candidates
- Healthcare practitioners and policy analysts
- Social science and education professionals
- Program evaluators and consultants
- NGO and community development researchers
- Organizational learning and knowledge management teams
- Graduate students in qualitative research
- Research methodology trainers and facilitators

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Qualitative Meta-Synthesis

- Definition, purpose, and scope of meta-synthesis
- Difference between systematic review and meta-synthesis
- Key frameworks and methodological approaches
- Role in evidence-based research and practice
- Case Study: Meta-synthesis in healthcare interventions

Module 2: Literature Search & Study Selection

- Designing search strategies for qualitative databases
- Inclusion and exclusion criteria
- Screening and selection protocols
- Managing references and citations efficiently
- Case Study: Effective literature selection in education research

Module 3: Critical Appraisal of Qualitative Studies

- Quality assessment frameworks
- Evaluating rigor, credibility, and transferability
- Assessing methodological limitations and biases
- Triangulation and validation techniques
- Case Study: Appraisal of community-based health studies

Module 4: Data Extraction & Management

- Developing structured data extraction sheets
- Extracting themes, concepts, and participant insights
- Organizing qualitative datasets systematically
- Managing large datasets using software tools
- Case Study: Coding and extraction in social science research

Module 5: Thematic Synthesis Techniques

- Identifying themes and sub-themes
- Inductive vs. deductive coding
- Pattern recognition across studies
- Integrating diverse qualitative findings
- Case Study: Thematic synthesis of patient experience studies

Module 6: Meta-Interpretation & Integration

- Moving from themes to meta-level insights
- Synthesizing theoretical and practical implications
- Visualizing synthesis results for impact
- Comparing findings across contexts
- Case Study: Meta-interpretation in educational policy research

Module 7: Reporting & Dissemination

- Structuring reports for journals and stakeholders
- Communicating findings clearly to non-experts
- Ethical reporting practices
- Using visuals and models to enhance understanding
- Case Study: Dissemination of NGO program evaluations

Module 8: Advanced Applications & Software Tools

- Using NVivo, Atlas.ti, MAXQDA for synthesis
- Automation in qualitative analysis

- Real-world applications in healthcare, education, and social research
- Addressing challenges in cross-disciplinary synthesis
- Case Study: Software-assisted meta-synthesis in mental health research

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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