



Centre for Critical
Qualitative Health Research



Continuing Education Program

*Workshop Series to Maximize the
Quality of Qualitative Health Research*



SHOW AND TELL

Articulating your Methods to Reveal the Quality of your Research

June 8-9, 2015, 9 am–2:30 pm (10 hours), in Palma de Mallorca, Spain

Frequently, researchers struggle to justify their methodological decisions, clearly articulate the quality of their methodology for publication, and express the importance of their work. This two-day workshop focuses on the strengths of theory-driven critical qualitative health research, offering participants an opportunity to articulate the best elements of their studies and to enhance areas that may require further development.

Working with a group of six accomplished qualitative health researchers and educators who teach graduate courses on QHR and have conducted multiple theory-driven studies, participants will “show and tell” their own research in a friendly academic environment. Engaging collectively with instructors and others in small groups, participants will enhance their ability to articulate their project strengths, theoretical congruence, and the potential of the work to the health sciences field in innovative ways.

Participants

This workshop is best suited to researchers in the field of health who are consolidating their QR skills, PhD students, and postdoctoral fellows. A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 25 participants will be accepted.

For more information, read the back of this pamphlet.



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Learning Objectives

- Acquire a qualitative vocabulary to describe your methodological choices
- Identify the main strengths and limitations of your study
- Explore the theoretical congruence of your study
- Make your research relevant to larger audiences through theorization
- Learn from other participants' examples how to enhance the quality of QHR
- Build an international network of QH researchers

Pre-workshop Preparation

1. Watch two 30-minute videos on theory-driven QHR and the creative presence of the researcher in QHR and write notes for discussion
2. Identify a current project or a planned project to discuss during the workshop
3. Prepare a one-page, single space abstract of your study to be shared by May 31 (emphasis on methodological elements)
4. Prepare a 10-minute presentation on your project theoretical orientation and methodology
5. Read all workshop participants' abstracts (to be circulated by June 5th as per task 3 above)
6. Bring two hard copies of your methodology section/chapter to the workshop (if you are developing a new study, make sure you have written most of your methodology before the workshop)

Summary of the Program

Day 1 – June 8

- Identification and discussion of elements from videos that could enhance individual projects
- Introduction to all participants' projects (presentations)
- Group discussion of the presented projects' strengths and potential limitations
- Presentation on theoretical congruence with examples from instructors' own research
- Small group work to enhance the theoretical congruence of studies
- Homework (incorporate ideas to the methodology section)

Day 2 – June 9

- Critical perspectives in QHR: why engage in critique?
- Presentations on new ideas incorporated into individual work from day 1
- Dealing with contentious issues in QHR: data generated vs. number of participants; explanatory power vs. saturation; who is your audience?
- Group work focused on how to reveal the quality of methodological decisions
- Analysing and theorizing data: Key concepts from theory, revised or new concepts, writing it up

Selection Process

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to ccqhr@utoronto.ca by March 30, 2015 briefly outlining the following information:

1. Your qualitative research experience, including formal training
2. Your disciplinary background/career experience (with mention of any exposure to social science)
3. If applicable, a brief description of the research to which you wish to apply your learning
4. Your reasons for wanting to take the workshop

Cost: CAD\$215.00 (€150,00)