

Empirical Research Methods M6X00966

Draft Session Plan 2018: Module Leader: Beverly Cole

Week 1: 29 January	Module overview... setting the scene What is research and what purpose does it serve? Why is research important? Historical overview – research and counselling Research terminology Academic convention / integrity Introduction to assignments What is thematic analysis? Research question... initial ideas Practical exercises	Beverly Cole
Week 2 5 February	Research process Developing a research question Types of research questions Research proposal and ethics Research informed practice Finding research material Research tools – questionnaires, interviews and focus groups Doing thematic analysis Practical exercises Focus Group Practice	Beverly Cole.
Week 3: 12 February	Project Proposal, Focus Group and Presentation practical preparation NO TAUGHT LESSON THIS WEEK – TUTOR DIRECTED STUDENT INDEPENDENT RESEARCH	
19 February	Practical session: The nuts and bolts of doing research Focus groups Individual tutorials	
Week 4: 26 February	Methodologies: Introduction and overview Sampling Ontology and Epistemology Choosing methods Qualitative methods Conducting a Thematic Analysis Practical exercises Focus Group practice	Beverly Cole
Week 5: 5 March	Critical thinking Overview of other approaches [For example, Content Analysis,	Beverly Cole

	Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis Finding patterns in data Evaluating research Practical exercises Focus Group practice	
Week 6: 12 March	NO TAUGHT LESSON THIS WEEK – TUTOR DIRECTED STUDENT INDEPENDENT RESEARCH Focus Group and Presentation practical preparation	
13 th MARCH: ASSIGNMENT 1: HAND IN: Project Proposal 20%		
Week 7: 19 March	Conducting a thematic analysis Research Design Focus Group facilitation Analysis of qualitative material So what? Practical exercises Disseminating research findings The research process – dissertation/thesis Publication in peer reviewed journals The presentation process Practical exercises Focus Group practice	Beverly Cole
Week 8: 26 March p.m. 27 March a.m.	ASSIGNMENT 2 & 3 (Practical Assessments): Focus Groups 40% and 20%	
EASTER BREAK: MONDAY, 2 nd APRIL 2017 ~ FRIDAY, 20 th APRIL		
Week 9: 23 April TBA	Review of work undertaken Analysis de-brief Presentation format and schedule	
7 May : Bank holiday		
Week 10 Full Day TBA 15 May 2018	Assignment 4 (Presentation) 30%	

Please Note: This table is provisional and may be subject to modification as the semester progresses due to the timetable for ethical approval and the number of students/time taken for practical assessments. We will discuss this within our first lesson

