



Qualitative Methods in Global Infectious Diseases Research

ONLINE ONLY | MAY 26-30, 2025

A course focused on the principles and rigorous application of qualitative methods in formative, operational, evaluation and policy research in infectious disease in diverse global settings. Teaching includes didactical lectures, dedicated periods for interactive exercises to apply and practice the lessons learned, and short topical presentations and/or panel discussions.

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CONTENT

Qualitative methods can assess the social and behavioural contexts, and the complex determinants, impacts and outcomes of illness and disease control efforts, including public health programs, policies, and technologies. There is growing interest to integrate qualitative methods into traditional operational and biomedical research to understand challenges to healthcare seeking behaviour and healthcare service delivery, and to better understand how and why some interventions and technologies are successfully (or less successfully) implemented and utilized.

This course will build participants' research literacy to use qualitative methods to inform, innovate, contextualize, evaluate, and strengthen the delivery and utilization of healthcare services and technologies for infectious diseases (e.g., tuberculosis, HIV, COVID-19) in lower- and middle-income settings.

The course uses case studies and practical exercises to engage learners in the following qualitative research topics:

- Study designs and methodologies
- Theoretical frameworks
- Focus groups, observation, interviews and participatory methods: designs, skills and implementation
- Approaches and methods for analysis
- Multiple methods: integrating and sequencing qualitative and quantitative methods
- Sampling and participant recruitment
- Data management and storage
- Ethics and evaluation criteria
- Dissemination

OBJECTIVE

- To be introduced to the principles and methods of qualitative research.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Persons with a strong interest in qualitative and mixed methods, and little/no prior experience
- Persons involved in infectious disease control programs, including program managers, innovators, and monitoring & evaluation officers
- Junior faculty, doctoral and postdoctoral fellows engaged in global health research
- Clinical researchers and residents working internationally
- Research staff, including study coordinators, with an interest in international work
- Representatives of funding and/or advocacy bodies, grant reviewers.

COURSE FORMAT

Online only. Course content will be streamed live approximately 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM (Montreal time) each day May 26-30, 2025 (exact times each day to be announced). Live content will be recorded and accessible to participants until July 1, 2025, except for interactive exercises which will not be recorded.

ENROLMENT

Limited to 125 online participants.



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