MEVN11 Qualitative Research Methods II

7.5 higher education credits  Second cycle A1F

General Information

Main field
Occupational therapy, nursing and physiotherapy

Subject
Scientific methodology

Type of course
The course is included in the two-year Master of Medical Science programme (120 credits). It complies with the regulations of the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100 with later amendments). The course can also be studied as a free-standing course.

Language of instruction
Swedish, but some of the tuition may be in English.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
On completion of the course, students shall be able to
- on the basis of theoretically valid arguments, propose suitable qualitative methods for various research issues/aims
- demonstrate specialised theoretical understanding of a specific qualitative method
- demonstrate specialised theoretical understanding of the application of a specific research method in the various stages of the research process

Competence and skills
On completion of the course, students shall be able to
- independently and critically analyse a chosen qualitative method with regard to its theoretical foundation
- independently formulate and judge the aim of an investigation with regard to a specific qualitative method
- demonstrate the ability to conduct a qualitative analysis of their own empirical material based on a chosen research method

Judgement and approach
On completion of the course, students shall be able to
- independently present and argue the potential and limitations of qualitative data analyses with regard to their own core values and pre-understanding
- demonstrate awareness of and discuss the ethical aspects of qualitative data collection, analyses and reports
- identify, discuss and reflect on how societal aspects may affect their investigations and how reliability and validity can be ensured
• identify their own need of further knowledge in the research area

Course Content

The theory of science foundation of qualitative research methodology, and research design and analytical methods related to phenomenography, phenomenology, grounded theory, critical incident analysis, ethnography, hermeneutical analysis, qualitative content analysis and focus group methodology

Subjects examined
Specialised study 7.5 credits

Instruction and Assessment

Instruction
The studies on the course are characterised by active information searching, problem solving, reflection and critical analysis. The methods of work are based in flexible learning and can vary between lectures, individual work, group assignments and seminars/workshops.

Assessment
For a pass on the course students must have participated actively in the group assignments, seminars and workshops and successfully completed the specialised study of a specific method.

Grades
Grades are set for a completed course. One of the grades Pass or Fail is awarded. A student who has passed a course will be given a certificate to that effect by the higher education institution, on request.

Admission Requirements
To be admitted to the course, students must have a Bachelor’s degree (180 credits) and have passed VMFN04/MEVN19 Qualitative Research Methods I or the equivalent.

Further Information

Examination opportunities, new examiner, etc.

Theoretical courses
One ordinary examination and one opportunity for re-examination are offered in conjunction with the course. A student who has failed to achieve a pass on either of these occasions will be offered a further opportunity for re-examination at a later date.

New examiner
A student who has taken two examinations in a course or a part of a course without obtaining a pass grade is entitled to have another examiner appointed, unless there are special reasons to the contrary (Swedish Code of Statutes 2006:1053). The request is to be submitted to the programme director.

Required Reading
See appendix
Appendix: Required Reading

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Rapley, T. J. (2001). The art(fulness) of open-ended interviewing: some considerations on analysing interviews. *Qualitative Research,* 1, 303-323.

Further research studies and articles will be added.