



# EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS I R E L A N D

## Workshop - What is meta-ethnography and how do you do it? (1 Day)

This 1 day workshop will provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the key principles of meta-ethnography conduct including the complex analytic synthesis processes of 'translation' and 'synthesising translations.' Meta-ethnography is a popular and influential interpretive methodology for synthesising qualitative research studies in health and social care. Developed in 1988 by sociologists in education Noblit and Hare, the systematic, seven-phase meta-ethnography methodology has evolved and advanced in the subsequent 30 years. In this course participants will be enabled to:

- Describe the 7 phases of meta-ethnography
- Understand how meta-ethnography differs from other QES methodologies
- Understand when use of meta-ethnography is and is not appropriate
- Identify the range of literature search and selection methods suitable for meta-ethnography
- Identify the impact of different strategies for reading primary studies on the output of a meta-ethnography
- Attain an understanding of the principles for conducting meta-ethnography phases 4 to 6: determining how studies are related, translation, synthesis of translations and line of argument synthesis

### Date:

December 10th 2019

### Venue:

Lecture Room 3, Riddel Hall, Queen's University, Belfast, NI

### Facilitators:

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### Course content/timetable

09:00	Registration and coffee	12:30	Lunch
09:30	Welcome & introductions by presenter and attendees	13:30	Phase 6 – synthesising translations, line of argument synthesis. What are they? How are they done?
09:45	Introduction to meta-ethnography Phases 1-4 - Why choose meta-ethnography? Literature searching, study sampling/ selection, quality appraisal. Reading primary studies & deciding how they are related.	13:30	Phase 7 – writing up. Includes practical activity.
		14:45	Discussion & Summing up
10.45	Discussion and questions	15.00	Meta-ethnography in action'
11.00	Break	16:00	Wrap up, discussion
11.15	Phase 5 – Translating the studies into on another. What is it? How is it done? Includes practical activity.	16:30	Close

For more information and to register:

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