



EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS I R E L A N D

SyntHesis and Analysis Methods for Reviews Of Qualitative Studies (SHAMROQS) (Online – 1 Day)

Aim

The aim of this workshop is to increase understanding and familiarity with different methodology options for handling the synthesis of primary research studies.

Learning outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- identify and describe the three main methods of qualitative synthesis as recommended by the Cochrane Qualitative and Implementation Methods Group;
- identify shared and diverse features of qualitative synthesis methods;
- analyze the role of thematic synthesis and framework synthesis in describing findings from qualitative research;
- analyze the contribution of meta-ethnography in interpreting findings from qualitative research;
- apply the RETREAT criteria in selecting appropriate methods to conduct particular synthesis review types;
- evaluate and defend the contribution of different synthesis methods to diverse review questions.

Target Audience

Healthcare academics, researchers, decision makers, and Evidence Synthesis Ireland fellows and teaching faculty who would like to learn more about choices in methods of qualitative evidence synthesis.

Date:

30th June 2022

Time:

10:00am – 4:00pm

Skill level:

Intermediate

Facilitators:

Dr Andrew Booth

School of Health and Related Research (ScHARR), University of Sheffield

Places:

30 places available for individuals who are resident on the island of Ireland

Fee:

€100 (General)

€50 (Student)

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Teaching strategies

The workshop will consist of a mixture of short presentations, small group and individual exercises. A variety of worksheets and handouts will be provided to encourage practical engagement with learning from the course and further reference to additional resources. The number of participants for the course is limited to 30.

Prerequisites

Delegates should be familiar with the overall process of systematic review, preferably as it relates to qualitative evidence synthesis.

Course content/timetable

| PROGRAMME - Thursday 30th June 2022 | |
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| 10:00 | Introductions/Introduction to the Course |
| 10:15 | Overview of Qualitative Synthesis |
| 11:00 | Introducing Thematic Synthesis |
| 11:15 | Break |
| 11:30 | Thematic Synthesis Practical |
| 12:15 | Lunch |
| 13:00 | Introducing Framework Synthesis |
| 13:15 | Framework Synthesis Practical |
| 14:00 | Introducing Meta-Ethnography |
| 14:15 | Meta-Ethnography Practical |
| 15:00 | Break |
| 15:15 | Choosing Your Method of Synthesis |
| 15:45 | Concluding Comments/Questions |
| 16:00 | Close |

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