



**Qualitative Research Designs and Methods
NURS 6333
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Scheduled Class Days and Times: Online

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Course Description:

Advanced qualitative research that integrates classical and developing philosophical traditions, methodology, design, analysis, and interpretation is studied.

Prerequisites: NURS 6310

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Distinguish the central philosophical and methodological tenets of qualitative research.
2. Compare and contrast common methods of qualitative research and related key issues.
3. Critically analyze qualitative research.
4. Develop a qualitative proposal to study a substantive transcultural health problem.

Required Textbooks and Readings:

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000> [This manual is used throughout the PhD program.]

Creswell, J.W. & Baez, J.C. (2021). *30 Essential Skills for the Qualitative Researcher* (2nd ed.). Sage. ISBN 978-1-5443-5570-2

Creswell, J. W. & Poth, C.N. (2025). *Qualitative Inquiry & Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches*. (5th ed.). Sage. ISBN 978-1-5063-3020-4

Assigned readings from journals and periodicals may be used to supplement content.

Assignments and Weights/Percentage/Point Values

Discussion Boards (5) @5% each	25%
Mini-Proposal Research Question	5%
Data Coding & Analysis	20%
Qualitative Mini-Proposal Part 1	10%
Phenomenology Project	15%
Qualitative Mini-Proposal	25%

Grading Scale:

Specific guidelines and grading criteria for all assignments are in the Modules. Final grades for the course will be determined based upon the following point assignments:

- A - 90-100
- B - 80-89
- C - 70-79
- D - 60-69
- F - Below 60

Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (79.5 is not rounded to 80, and 89.5 is not rounded to 90). Students are required to achieve an average of 80% (B) to complete the course successfully.

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 - a reduced or failing grade for the course
 - removal from the Nursing program
 - removal from UT Tyler

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Repeating a Course: Students repeating this course may not use previously submitted assignments nor utilize the same patients for an assignment. Submitting the same or slightly modified assignments from previous semesters is considered self-plagiarism and is subject to academic discipline, including failing the assignment or the course.

Attendance and Make-up Policy: Attendance/participation is expected. Make-up for exams, quizzes, assignments, and missed clinical time is at the instructor's discretion.

Graded Course Requirements Information:

Discussion Boards: Perspectives on Qualitative Research, Recruitment, Field Notes, Major Qualitative Designs

Mini-Proposal: Students explore all aspects of a selected qualitative research design as they conceptualize a potential qualitative research study.

Phenomenology Project: Merits/Challenges of Descriptive vs. Interpretive phenomenology will be explored

Data Analysis: Coding transcript data and conceptualizing themes

Please Note: Detailed information along with grading rubrics for course assignments will be provided in Canvas.

Important Course Dates:

Classes Begin: May 11, 2026

Census Date (withdraw without penalty): May 26, 2026

Last Date to Withdraw: July 15, 2026. Students please notify your course faculty and contact your advisor.

Calendar of Topics, Readings, and Due Dates:

<i>Week #</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Class Topic</i>
Week 1	M 5/11	Prep Week- Plan for Success
Week 2	M 5/18	Overview of Major Designs in Qualitative Research Qualitative Research Questions
Week 3	T 5/26^	Prep for Qualitative Proposal

		Recruitment
Week 4	M 6/1	Sampling and Data Collection
Weeks 5&6	M 6/8	Coding & Data Analysis
Week 7	M 6/22	Begin to focus on mini-proposal
Week 8	M 6/29	Phenomenology Part 1
Week 9	M 7/6	Ethnography & Action Research
Week 10	M 7/13	Grounded Theory, Case Study, & Metasynthesis
Week 11	M 7/20	Phenomenology Part 2
Week 12	M 7/27	Mini-Proposal Development/Refinement
Week 13	M 8/3	Introduction to Interpretive Description Introduction to Qualitative Software
Week 14	M 8/10	Course wrap-up - Please complete course evaluation

***Readings and Due Dates are available in Canvas. ^5/25 & 6/19 are university holidays.**

School of Nursing Policies and Additional Information:

https://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/college/student_guide_and_policies.php

Student Resources and University Policies are provided in Canvas in the UT Tyler Syllabus Module.

This syllabus and calendar may be subject to change to meet student learning needs prior to the semester start.