

Designing Qualitative Research

Chapter Checklist

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

1. Identify the role of the researcher in qualitative research designs and explain the potential effects of different researcher roles on the research process.
 2. Select and argue for an appropriate researcher role for a specific research project.
 3. Develop a purpose statement and research question for a qualitative research project.
 4. Create a research design for a qualitative study.
 5. Develop a technique for gaining entry to a research site.
 6. Use sampling strategies to identify potential participants or other sampling units.
 7. Select effective and appropriate data observation strategies.
 8. Document data as evidence in complete and detailed notes.
 9. Consider and, if appropriate, moderate your impact as researcher on participants and the research process.
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