Qualitative Methods of Data Collection

Chapter Checklist

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

- 1. Select effective and appropriate data observation strategies.
- 2. Document data as evidence in complete and detailed notes.
- 3. Distinguish among the various forms of qualitative research methods.
- 4. Select the most appropriate qualitative research method for your research purpose or research question.
- 5. Identify the basic steps or process the researcher uses to collect qualitative data.
- 6. Evaluate the method used for its ability to produce credible data.
- 7. Conceptualize and plan for a field interview.

- 8. Use open questions in conducting a field interview.
- 9. Conceptualize and plan for a focus group.
- 10. Find and select appropriate focus group participants.
- 11. Develop a focus group outline.
- 12. Conduct a focus group.
- 13. Identify several ways to collect narratives.
- 14. Describe the benefits of ethnographic research.
- 15. Explain the researcher's role in ethnography.