



INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND CARE SCIENCES

SV00028 Qualitative methods within Health sciences II – Qualitative content analysis, 3 credits

Kvalitativa metoder inom hälsovetenskaper II – Innehållsanalys, 3 högskolepoäng
Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå

Confirmation

This syllabus was confirmed by the Council for PhD Education at Sahlgrenska Academy on 2019-09-20, and is valid from Spring semester 2020.

Responsible Department

Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy

Entry requirements

Admitted to postgraduate education and completed Part I in qualitative methods or equivalent.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student is expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Discuss historical and epistemological perspectives in the development of content analysis as a qualitative research method.
- Exemplify various kinds of qualitative content analyses and put forward arguments for choices of design given the research question.

Competence and skills

- Independently develop a design for a qualitative content analysis study within the his/her research project and be able to justify their choices in a critical review process by peers.
- Apply qualitative content analysis on authentic data material.

Judgement and approach

- Critically evaluate strengths and limitations of qualitative content analysis as a research method.

- Discuss and reflect on the researcher's ethical approach in the context of qualitative content analysis

Course content

The development of content analysis from a quantitative tradition to a qualitative research method

Theory and epistemological considerations related to qualitative content analysis as a research method

Research questions of relevance for qualitative content analysis methods

Design of research studies related to research question/s in qualitative content analysis

Application of qualitative content analysis

Quality criteria for evaluation of qualitative content analysis research studies

Types of instruction

Lecture

Seminar

Workshops

Reading literature

Language of instruction

The course is given in Swedish but can be given in English if necessary.

Grades

The grade Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given in this course.

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Types of assessment

The student shall actively participate in seminars and workshops by presenting and defending own work and study tasks. The student shall submit a written paper and shall act as an opponent on other students' papers and study tasks. A student who has failed a test twice has the right to change examiner, should it be possible. A written application should be submitted to the Institute.

Course evaluation

The course will be evaluated using the Sahlgrenska academy joint evaluation questionnaire, and orally via a dialogue between the teachers and the students. The course leader summarizes the evaluation from both parts in a written report including suggestions for improvements.

Other information

The course may be given in English.