

Qualitative Research Approaches

Phenomenology

Phenomenology is a qualitative research approach that investigates the lived experience of a group of individuals. Through open-ended data collection methods such as interviews, focus groups and observations, the researcher aims to understand the participants beliefs, attitudes and experiences without imposing researcher bias or assumptions (Aguas, 2022, Cresswell, 2018).

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Textbooks

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Max Van Manen, Routledge. *Researching Lived Experience : Human Science for an Action Sensitive Pedagogy*. Routledge Taylor & Francis Group; 2017.

Videos

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Transformation Project. Understanding Phenomenology. *YouTube*. Published online November 21, 2016. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5geMLe5tbM>

Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA)

IPA is the methodology used to analyze and interpret findings from a phenomenological qualitative research study to discover the lived experiences of a group of individuals (Monaro, 2022).

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