This short course provides theoretical and practical training to researchers wishing to use ethnographic and/or qualitative research methods. You will be introduced to the basic philosophy and principles of the collection and analysis of ethnographic data. Tools and data analysis techniques are related to applied medical anthropological issues. You will undertake small group work and conduct a variety of field exercises, with notes from these exercises submitted to the instructors for their informal evaluation and advice. You will be taught skills in interviewing, group discussion, direct observation, the structured collection of information, and the maintenance and expansion of field notes. Discussion will also relate to issues of reliability and validity, representativeness, iteration and triangulation.

### Teaching and learning objectives

The course aims to:

- Present an overview of ethnographic and qualitative research methods
- Introduce the basic tools and techniques of qualitative field research, including the relevance and importance of collecting quantitative and qualitative data
- Provide practical experience of basic methods such as: interviewing, focus group discussions, developing a questionnaire and structured observations, and
- Introduce the basic elements of data analysis for qualitative materials.

Participants will be expected to undertake a series of overnight and weekend exercises during the course, aimed at providing them with hands-on qualitative and ethnographic research skills.

### Workshop program

**Wednesday 6 July, 2011**

- Introduction to ethnographic and qualitative research methods
- Principles of qualitative research design: Matching research questions, methods and setting; Selecting field-sites; sampling
- The heart of qualitative methods: Beginning to interview

**Thursday 7 July, 2011**

- Participant observation
- Surveying the setting: Walkthroughs and maps, structured and unstructured observations, observation techniques and tools

**Friday 8 July, 2011**

- Specialised interview techniques: Life history interviews, focused interviews and supplementary quantitative data
- Focus groups

**Monday 11 July, 2011**

- Small group work and open group discussion of exercises
- Using mixed methods
- Introduction to advanced data collection techniques

**Tuesday 12 July, 2011**

- Introduction to data analysis
- Coding workshop
- Analysis and theory building
- Mind maps and analytic approaches
Professor Lenore Manderson, PhD, FASSA, FWAAS, is Professor of Medical Anthropology in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences and in the Faculty of Arts at Monash University; and honorary professor at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, and Khon Kaen University, Thailand. She is an inaugural Australia Research Council Federation Fellow, and prior to that, Professor of Women’s Health, The University of Melbourne (1999–2002) and Professor of Tropical Health, The University of Queensland (1988–1998). She has conducted extensive research in Australia, and in Asia and Africa, on infectious disease and chronic illness, gender and sexuality, migration and identity, including with Indigenous and immigrant Australians. Across these and related fields, she has trained to graduation over 100 research students, most with PhD degrees.

She is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee for Stewardship and Knowledge Management of WHO/TDR (Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases), a participant in the Grand Challenges in Global Mental Health initiative led by NIH, a member of the executive of the Society for Medical Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the World Academy of Art and Science. She is author or co-author of some 500 publications, including 18 books. She is also the editor of the journal Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies in Health and Illness.

Dr Narelle Warren is an NHMRC Research Fellow in the Social Sciences and Health Research Unit (School of Psychology and Psychiatry) at Monash University, and is conducting research with people who have had a stroke or have Parkinson’s disease. She has a strong interest in quality of life, and in the development of appropriate social indicators to be used within qualitative research projects. Prior to this, Narelle has worked as a research assistant on the ‘Disrupting the Idea of Woman’ project, as research fellow for the ADAPT study exploring the social aspects of amputation in urban and rural Victoria. She has also worked on IVF, on the effects of using complementary (MPM) therapy for patients undergoing total knee replacement, and on women’s health. Her PhD from the University of Melbourne explored the health, health management and health-seeking of midlife women in an isolated Victorian community.

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Registration and Payment
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If you have queries about registration or form of payment please contact Narelle Warren on 9903 4046 or narelle.warren@monash.edu

When registering you will be required to provide the following details about your research project:
- Your Research topic/title
- A summary of your research project (maximum 100 words)
- Special areas of interest or skills acquisition

Five Day short course cost (GST Inclusive)
External participant: $2200
Monash staff/Non-Monash student (University ID required): $1100
Monash student (Monash student ID required): $550

Cancellation Policy
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