

INVESTIGATION OF NEEDS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS RELATED TO QUALITATIVE RESEARCH SKILLS

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Abstract

The goal of this research is to determine the needs of graduate students about qualitative research skills. The sample of research is made of 8 doctorate students studying in 2016-2017 academic year. Qualitative single-case research design is used in this research. Semi-structured interview form is used as data collection tool. Content analysis technique is used in order to analyze the data obtained from the research. According to the findings, most of the graduate students have difficulty in the data collection process and coding of data set while carrying out a qualitative research. Besides that, students stated being detached, having a full knowledge of research topic, being able to distinguish between qualitative patterns and being patience as the skills that researcher should possess during qualitative research. Finally; it has been recommended for the development of qualitative research skills that the qualitative research methods course should be organized including practical study.

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