CAQDAS Software Comparison and Mastery Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Research and Data Analysis	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Master the functionality of leading CAQDAS platforms
2. Conduct software feature comparisons to choose the most suitable tool for specific research needs.
3. Implement advanced coding strategies for qualitative data analysis.
4. Integrate mixed-methods approaches using CAQDAS tools.
5. Create visualizations and dashboards to enhance data interpretation.
6. Optimize workflow automation in qualitative research projects.
7. Apply text mining and thematic analysis techniques effectively.
8. Conduct reproducible and transparent research using CAQDAS software.
9. Manage large-scale qualitative datasets efficiently.
10. Evaluate software performance using real-world case studies.
11. Enhance collaboration and project sharing across research teams.
12. Translate qualitative findings into actionable insights for decision-making.
13. Stay updated with emerging trends and innovations in CAQDAS technology.

Target Audience

1. Academic researchers and PhD scholars
2. Market research analysts
3. Social scientists and sociologists
4. UX and customer experience researchers
5. Policy analysts and public sector researchers
6. Business intelligence professionals
7. Data analysts seeking qualitative skills
8. Research consultants and think-tank professionals

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to CAQDAS Tools

- Overview of qualitative data analysis software
- Key differences between NVivo, ATLAS.ti, MAXQDA, and Dedoose
- Understanding coding, memoing, and data organization
- Introduction to data types and sources
- Case Study: Comparing software for a university research project

Module 2: Project Setup and Data Management

- Creating projects and importing data
- Organizing transcripts, PDFs, and multimedia
- File management best practices
- Data cleaning and preparation techniques
- Case Study: Managing mixed-methods research datasets

Module 3: Coding Techniques and Strategies

- Open, axial, and selective coding methods
- Using automated coding features
- Organizing codes and code hierarchies
- Intercoder reliability checks
- Case Study: Coding interview transcripts for thematic analysis

Module 4: Advanced Querying and Analysis

- Text search and coding queries
- Pattern recognition and word frequency analysis
- Cross-tabulation of codes and themes
- Query comparison across CAQDAS tools
- Case Study: NVivo vs. MAXQDA for thematic insights

Module 5: Visualization and Reporting

- Creating code maps, word clouds, and charts
- Visualizing relationships between codes
- Generating automatic reports
- Exporting results for publications
- Case Study: Presenting research findings in a corporate report

Module 6: Mixed-Methods Analysis

- Integrating quantitative and qualitative data
- Linking survey data with qualitative insights
- Using matrices and charts for comparison
- Best practices for data triangulation
- Case Study: Market research combining surveys and interviews

Module 7: Collaboration and Team Projects

- Multi-user projects in CAQDAS
- Managing user roles and permissions
- Tracking changes and contributions
- Best practices for collaborative research
- Case Study: Collaborative policy research project

Module 8: Automating Workflows

- Batch coding and pattern detection
- Using AI-assisted coding features

- Automating repetitive tasks
- Workflow optimization techniques
- Case Study: Automation in large-scale social media analysis

Module 9: Advanced Text Mining Techniques

- Word frequency and co-occurrence analysis
- Sentiment analysis basics
- Concept and theme extraction
- Combining qualitative and NLP approaches
- Case Study: Sentiment analysis of customer feedback

Module 10: Data Security and Ethics

- Confidentiality and privacy measures
- Ethical considerations in qualitative research
- Software-specific data security features
- Compliance with research guidelines
- Case Study: Ethical management of sensitive interview data

Module 11: Comparative Analysis Across Software

- Feature-by-feature comparison
- Strengths, weaknesses, and niche capabilities
- Price vs. performance evaluation
- Decision framework for software selection
- Case Study: Choosing the best CAQDAS tool for NGO research

Module 12: Reporting, Exporting, and Publication

- Exporting data in multiple formats
- Customizing reports for stakeholders
- Publishing insights with visual support
- Integration with other research tools
- Case Study: Preparing data for academic journal submission

Module 13: Troubleshooting and Support

- Common software issues and fixes
- Accessing support communities
- Updating software and plugins
- Best practices for avoiding data loss
- Case Study: Resolving NVivo import issues

Module 14: Emerging Trends in CAQDAS

- AI-assisted coding and analytics
- Cloud-based CAQDAS platforms
- Mobile data collection integration
- Predictive qualitative insights
- Case Study: Leveraging AI for policy research

Module 15: Capstone Project

- Selecting a real-world dataset
- Applying full CAQDAS workflow
- Comparative analysis using multiple tools
- Presentation of findings
- Case Study: Multi-software analysis of market trends

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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