Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) 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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Course Objectives

1. Understand the philosophical foundations of IPA in qualitative research.
2. Develop advanced skills in interpreting lived experiences.
3. Apply IPA techniques to psychology, healthcare, and social sciences research.
4. Master coding, theme identification, and pattern recognition in qualitative data.
5. Conduct rigorous IPA interviews and reflective data collection.
6. Integrate reflexivity and researcher positionality in analysis.
7. Use digital tools and software to enhance IPA data analysis.
8. Interpret complex narratives for practical and policy insights.
9. Critically evaluate IPA research for validity and credibility.
10. Translate qualitative findings into evidence-based applications.
11. Develop research proposals employing IPA methodology.
12. Enhance academic writing and publication skills for qualitative research.
13. Apply ethical standards in participant engagement and data handling.

Target Audience

1. Academic researchers in psychology and social sciences
2. Graduate and postgraduate students
3. Healthcare professionals interested in qualitative research
4. Organizational behavior analysts
5. HR and management professionals
6. Policy researchers and evaluators
7. Social workers and counselors
8. Data analysts and qualitative research consultants

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to IPA

- Historical evolution and key theorists
- Philosophical underpinnings
- IPA and other qualitative approaches
- Case study: IPA in mental health research
- defining research questions

Module 2: Research Design for IPA

- Designing qualitative studies using IPA
- Sampling strategies and participant recruitment
- Ethical considerations and consent

- Aligning research aims with IPA methodology
- Case study: designing IPA research in chronic illness

Module 3: Data Collection Methods

- Semi-structured interviews
- Focus groups and diaries
- Observational techniques
- Reflexive journaling
- Case study: interviewing patients for lived experiences

Module 4: Transcription Techniques

- Verbatim transcription best practices
- Annotating non-verbal cues
- Software tools for transcription
- Data management and security
- Case study: transcription for anxiety disorder research

Module 5: Coding IPA Data

- Identifying meaning units
- Initial and in-depth coding
- Managing large qualitative datasets
- Maintaining analytic rigor
- Case study: coding themes in workplace stress

Module 6: Developing Emergent Themes

- Linking codes to patterns
- Iterative refinement of themes
- Hierarchical theme structures
- Visual mapping of themes
- Case study: emergent themes in postpartum depression

Module 7: Interpretation Strategies

- Interpretative vs. descriptive approaches
- Hermeneutic cycles in analysis
- Reflexivity in interpretation
- Balancing participant voice and researcher insight
- Case study: interpreting adolescent coping mechanisms

Module 8: Writing IPA Reports

- Structuring research reports
- Integrating quotes and narratives
- Academic writing conventions
- Presenting findings for journals
- Case study: publishing IPA research in healthcare

Module 9: Reflexivity and Researcher Positionality

- Self-awareness in qualitative research
- Managing biases and assumptions
- Reflective journaling exercises
- Impact on data interpretation
- Case study: positionality in multicultural research

Module 10: Advanced IPA Analysis Techniques

- Cross-case analysis
- Temporal and narrative analysis
- Comparative thematic mapping
- Combining IPA with mixed-methods
- Case study: longitudinal IPA study in education

Module 11: Software Tools for IPA

- NVivo, ATLAS.ti, MAXQDA
- Coding and theme visualization
- Data organization strategies
- Automating repetitive tasks
- Case study: IPA analysis using NVivo

Module 12: Ethics in IPA Research

- Informed consent and confidentiality
- Ethical dilemmas in sensitive research
- Cultural sensitivity and participant safety
- Data storage and anonymization
- Case study: ethical challenges in trauma research

Module 13: Applying IPA in Healthcare Research

- Patient experiences and outcomes
- Chronic illness narratives
- Psychosocial interventions
- Policy and practice implications
- Case study: IPA in oncology patient experience

Module 14: IPA in Organizational Research

- Employee experiences and workplace culture
- Leadership and management studies
- Organizational change narratives
- Strategy and decision-making insights
- Case study: employee engagement research

Module 15: Publication and Dissemination

- Writing journal articles and conference papers
- Translating findings into practical recommendations
- Digital dissemination strategies
- Peer review and critique

- Case study: publishing IPA research in psychology journals

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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