



Qualitative Research Protocol Development

TOTAL SESSION TIME: 110 minutes

SESSION OBJECTIVES:

- Participants will develop quantitative questions based on their research agenda.

Opening Block: Thorns and Roses

TIME: 15 minutes

OBJECTIVES: Participants will check in with each other.

ACTIVITY: Thorns and Roses: Ask participants to share some good that happened in the last week (roses) and some not-so-great (thorns).

Core Block 1: Developing Qualitative Questions

TIME: 60 minutes

OBJECTIVES: Participants will prepare interview and focus group questions based on their research agenda.

MATERIALS:

- Pen
- Paper
- Post-it notes
- Research priorities and questions are written on flip chart paper.

ACTIVITY:

- Remind participants of the definition of qualitative research.
- Remind participants of the research agenda they created in early sessions. It may be helpful to have the research priorities and questions posted somewhere in the room.
- Ask participants to work in pairs to develop interview and focus group survey questions.
- Give each group a priority area and research question to focus on. Ask them to write questions that would help them answer their research question.
- After 30 minutes, have the groups switch research questions and repeat the exercise.

Core Blocks 2: Review and Discuss Questions

TIME: 30 minutes

OBJECTIVES: Participants will discuss the interview and focus group questions created in the previous Core Block.

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MATERIALS:

- Interview and focus group questions from each group.

ACTIVITY:

- The facilitator should compile interview and focus group questions from each group before the group comes together to review the questions. This may be done during a session break.
- Work with participants to refine the list of questions. Have participants identify which questions would be better suited for interviews versus focus groups.
- Continue this work until everyone is comfortable with the list of questions. Continually ask participants if these questions would help them answer their 'Big Question.'

DISCUSS:

- Have participants reflect on the interview and focus group questions.
- Ask who they think should participate in the interview and focus groups? (i.e., Friends, Family).
- Do you think they would participate? If not, why not?
- How many people do you think you need to interview?
- How would they recommend recruiting participants?

Closing Block: Closing Ritual

TIME: 5 minutes

OBJECTIVES: Participants will end the meeting with their closing ritual.

ACTIVITY: Ask a participant to lead the group in the closing ritual.