1 QUALITATIVE STUDIES

In some cases, it will be most relevant simply to filter by using qualitative, findings and interviews, instead of using a broader free-text filter (Grant, 2000; Flemming & Briggs, 2007). But you may also see examples where two types of filtering will complement, but not substitute one another (Shaw et al., 2004).

Three types of filters for searching for qualitative studies (Jenskins, 2004):

1. subjective filters based on experiences
2. subjective filters, which has been tested.
3. objectively developed filters, based on word frequency

We will begin with the last-mentioned type. Many databases offer a filter that limit searches to qualitative studies. These filters are based on word frequency in several qualitative articles.

Evidence for the filters can be found here:

Filters focusing on recalling as much as possible of the qualitative research (high recall), is the first mentioned filters below.

The other search strings belong to the subjective type. You can use a more complex filter, typically based upon experience of librarians and in some cases later tests. These are shown as the second filters below.

Copy the text (the search string) and add it to your search in the databases.

2 CINAHL

Cinahl filter 1: ((MH “study design+” not MM “study design+”) or MH “attitude” or (MH “interviews+” not MM “interviews+”))

Cinahl filter 2: (MH “cluster sample+”) or TX life experiences or TX human science or TX discourse* analysis or TX narrative analysis or TX lived experience* or TX field research or TX field studies or TX field study or TX giorgi* or TX husserl* or TX merleau ponty* or TX van kaam* or TX van manen* or TX spiegelberg* or TX colaiuzzi* or TX heidegger* or TX participant observ* or TX data saturat* or TX semiotics or TX heuristic or TX hermeneutic* or TX etic or TX emic or TX focus group* or TX purpos* sampl* or TX constant comparison or TX constant comparative or TX grounded research or TX grounded studies or TX grounded study or TX grounded theor* or TX phenomenol* or TX ethnon* or TX qualitative or (MH “ethnological research”) or (MH “ethnography”) or (MH “phenomenology”) or (MH “focus groups”) or (MH “discourse analysis”) or (MH “theoretical sample”) or (MH “field studies”) or (MH “constant comparative method”) or (MH “thematic analysis”) or (MH “content analysis”) or (MH “observational methods+”) or (MH “purposive sample”) or (MH “qualitative validity+”) or (MH “grounded theory”) or (MH “action research”) or (MH “naturalistic inquiry”) or (MH “ethnonursing research”) or (MH 
“phenomenological research”) or (MH “ethnographic research”) or (MH “qualitative studies”) or (MH “Interviews+”) or (MH “Narratives”) or (MH “Videorecording+”) or (MH “Audiorecording”) or (MH “Historical Records”)

The filter is based on experiences and untested:
https://guides.lib.uw.edu/hsl/qualres/cin

3 PUBMED

**PubMed filter 1:** interview*[Title/Abstract] OR psychology[Subheading:noexp] OR health services administration[MeSH Term]


The filter is based on experiences and untested:
https://guides.lib.uw.edu/c.php?g=99112&p=642322

4 PSYCINFO (OVID)

**PsycInfo filter 1:** experience*.mp. OR interview*.tw. OR qualitative*.tw.

**PsycInfo filter 2:** (qualitative OR ethnom* OR ethnog* OR ethnonurs* OR emic OR etic OR field note* OR field record* OR fieldnote* OR field stud* OR participant observ* OR participant observation* OR hermeneutic* OR phenomenology* OR lived experience* OR grounded theory OR constant compar* OR theoretical sampl* OR content analy* OR thematic analy* OR narrative* OR unstructured category* OR structured category* OR unstructured interview* OR semi-structured interview* OR maximum variation* OR snowball OR audio* OR tape* OR video* OR metasynthes* OR meta-synthes* OR metasummar* OR meta-summar* OR metastud* OR meta-stud* OR meta-ethnograph* OR metaethnog* OR meta-narrative* OR metanarrat* OR meta-interpretation* OR metainterpret* OR qualitative meta-analy* OR qualitative metaanaly* OR purposive sampl* OR action research OR focus group*)

5 EMBASE (OVID)

Embase filter: interview*.tw. OR qualitative.tw. OR exp health care organization

6 LITERATURE


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