



Participatory Research for Social Services (5 October 2021)

Course Description:

This course provides an overview of participatory research designs and methods that can be applied to social and community services. Participatory research is distinct from other research approaches in its focus on engaging service users and ordinary people to be actively involved in decisions that shape the research or services that affect them. People's participation in decision-making processes allows them the opportunities not only to voice their views, but also to have those views considered and incorporated into research and service designs. Participatory approaches place all stakeholders on level-playing ground and encourages users, service providers, researchers, policy-makers and other members to collaborate, share and co-own research that provides more effective solutions and services for users.

Course Objectives:

- Understand the principles, values and rationales behind participatory research.
- Understand the different participatory research designs and methods, as well as their strengths and limitations.
- Suggest ways to carry out participatory research for social services.

All course participants are expected to contribute to group discussions and presentations during the workshop. The workshop will be conducted **in-person** at the NUS Kent Ridge Campus (The Shaw Foundation Building, Block AS7), from 9:30AM – 5:00PM. Participants will be informed of the venue after their registration is confirmed.

Pre-requisites:

At least a university degree in any discipline, with preference given to social science and community health disciplines and at least 2 years of working experience in the social service sector.

Who Should Attend:

Social workers, policy-makers, counsellors, community psychologists, community and allied health professionals. All other professionals and practitioners in the social service and community health sectors, particularly those working in multi-disciplinary teams.

Trainer:

Dr Hana Alhadad is an independent researcher, an Adjunct Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies, and is currently helming the Public Policy Taskforce in participatory research at the Singapore Management University. She has extensive international community development experience working with vulnerable groups using participatory methods for positive change, conflict transformation and civic engagement. Her research projects include exploring the arts in community development as well as the

relationships between people, place and power. Her current practice and research interests focus on the intersections of equity-centred, trauma-informed practice, and social emotional learning in community building and engagement.

Course Fees:

This course is SSG-approved. Participants who are **Singaporeans or Singaporean Permanent Residents** will be eligible for 70% of the course fees, excluding GST. **Singaporean participants who are aged 40 years old** and above will be eligible for higher subsidies of up to 90% of course fees. Participants are required to attend at least 75% of the course and obtain a pass grade for the required assignments. The table below shows the breakdown of the course fee payable.

	International Participants	Singapore Citizens		Singapore PRs
		39 years old or younger	40 years old or older	
Full Programme Fee	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Less: SSG Grant Amount	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$630.00	\$630.00
Nett Programme Fee	\$900.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
7% GST on Nett Programme Fee	\$63.00	\$18.90	\$18.90	\$18.90
Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST	\$963.00	\$288.90	\$288.90	\$288.90
Less Additional Funding if Eligible Under Various Schemes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST, after additional funding from the various funding schemes	\$963.00	\$288.90	\$108.90	\$288.90

Registration:

You may register online through the [NUS Online Application Portal \(OAP\)](#).

For corporate-sponsored participants, please click [here](#) for the registration guide.

For self-sponsored participants, please click [here](#) for the registration guide.

Registration closes on 16 September 2021.