



Participatory Research for Social Services (20 January 2025)

Programme 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.

Programme 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.

Programme Schedule:

- 20 January 2025, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

The workshop will be conducted in-person at the NUS Kent Ridge Campus (The Shaw Foundation Building, Block AS7). Participants will be informed of the venue after their registration is confirmed.

Pre-requisites:

A university degree in any discipline, with preference given to social science and community health disciplines or a diploma in any discipline with 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 adjunct faculty at the National University of Singapore and Singapore Management University, and a Senior Consultant at AWARE. Hana has extensive experience in community development and psychology, and is currently focusing on supporting neurodivergent children and families, single mothers and victim-survivors of family violence, and wellbeing of children and youth. Her current research interests covers equity-centred, trauma-informed education and practice, child and adolescent mental health, parent-child relationships and development.

Programme 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. **Corporate-sponsored participants from SMEs** will be eligible for higher subsidies of up to 90% of course fees. Participants must pass all assessment components, to be eligible for SSG funding. The table below shows the breakdown of the course fee payable.

	International Participants	Singapore Citizens		Singapore PRs		
		non-SME		SME (ETSS)	non-SME	SME (ETSS)
		39 years old or younger	40 years old or older (MCES)			
Full Programme Fee	\$ 900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Less: SSG Grant Amount	\$ -	\$630.00	\$630.00	\$630.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00
Nett Programme Fee	\$ 900.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00
9% GST on Nett Programme Fee	\$ 81.00	\$ 24.30	\$ 24.30	\$ 24.30	\$ 24.30	\$ 24.30
Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST	\$ 981.00	\$294.30	\$294.30	\$294.30	\$ 294.30	\$ 294.30
Less: Additional Funding if Eligible	\$ -	\$ -	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00
Total Nett Programme Fee Payable, Including GST, after additional funding from the various funding schemes	\$ 981.00	\$294.30	\$114.30	\$114.30	\$ 294.30	\$ 114.30

*To be eligible for ETSS, course fees have to be fully paid for by the employer.

Registration:

You may register online through the [NUS L3AP Portal](#).

Registration is on a first come first served basis.

Registration will close on 20 December 2024.