

Investigación Cualitativa en Psicología

La psicología que quería ser una ciencia auténtica (Adaptación del cuento La rana que quería ser una rana auténtica de Augusto Monterroso)

Había una vez una psicología que quería ser una psicología auténtica, y todos los días se esforzaba en ello. Al principio se compró un espejo en el que se miraba largamente buscando su ansiada autenticidad. Unas veces parecía encontrarla y otras no, según el humor de ese día o de la hora, hasta que se cansó de esto y guardó el espejo en un baúl. Por fin pensó que la única forma de conocer su propio valor estaba en la opinión de las ciencias naturales y adoptó su filosofía y metodología para que los demás la aprobaran y reconocieran que era una ciencia auténtica. Un día observó que lo que mas admiraban de ella era su positivismo, especialmente su objetividad, de manera que se dedicó a realizar experimentos y pruebas estadísticas, y sentía que todos la aplaudían.

Y así seguía haciendo esfuerzos hasta que, dispuesta a cualquier cosa para lograr que la consideraran una ciencia auténtica, decidió vender su alma, y ella todavía alcanzaba a oír con amargura cuando decían que que buena esa psicología, que parece ciencia.

El que quiera conocer la psique humana, debe ser aconsejado a decirle adiós a sus estudios, e irse a deambular con el corazón abierto por el mundo. Allí en el horror de las prisiones, de los asilos para lunáticos y de los hospitales, en las barras suburbanas y los casinos (infiernos de juego), en los salones de los elegantes, en las iglesias, en los cultos extáticos y en las sectas revivalistas, en el laberinto del amor y del odio, a través de la experiencia de la pasión en su propio cuerpo en todas las formas imaginables; allí encontrarás almacenes de conocimiento más ricos que los que pueden ofrecerte textos de un pie de ancho, y allí aprenderás a curar a los enfermos con un verdadero conocimiento del alma humana. (Carl Jung, C.W. 7, par 409)

Codificación: Psic 4070

Horas de Créditos: 4 horas

Horas de Conferencia: Tres horas semanales de conferencia

Requisitos para tomar el curso: Psic 3006

Descripción del curso: Procedimientos para planificar, realizar y analizar investigación cualitativa en psicología tales como entrevistas, observación, estudios de caso e historias de vida.

Objetivos del curso:

1. Analizar críticamente los debates metodológicos contemporáneos tomando en consideración las bases epistemológicas y ontológicas de los diferentes paradigmas de investigación.
2. Reflexionar sobre los dilemas éticos en torno a la investigación psico-social.

3. Examinar las bases teóricas y supuestos principales de la investigación cualitativa.
4. Comparar y contrastar la investigación cualitativa con otros paradigmas de investigación.
5. Desarrollar una investigación psico-social de carácter cualitativo que incluya una propuesta, una revisión de literatura, análisis de los resultados y presentación escrita.

Bosquejo temático del curso:

I. Naturaleza, historia y metas de la investigación cualitativa

II. Principios éticos en la investigación cualitativa

III. Selección del tema y formulación del problema.

IV. Elaboración de una revisión de literatura

V. La propuesta de investigación

VII. Diseño de investigación

A. Muestreo

B. Validez, confiabilidad y generalización

C. Objetividad y subjetividad

VIII. Métodos cualitativos para obtener información

IX. Métodos para analizar los datos

X. Presentación de los resultados

Criterios de evaluación:

1. Propuesta (Valor: 100 puntos)
2. Revisión de literatura (Valor 50 puntos)
3. Laboratorio (Valor 100 puntos)
4. Dos pruebas (Valor 150)
5. Tareas (Valor 100 puntos)
6. Asistencia: 50 puntos

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