

Applied Disability and Rehabilitation Research: Designs and Methods

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Room:	10 March, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm room 4.B51; 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm room HS 13 11 March, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, room HS 13
Language:	The workshop will be held in English.
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Content:	<p>This two-day training course provides participants with a review of some of the latest research on disability policy and practice issues; on the epidemiology of disability and a range of research methods that can be used in the area.</p> <p>Day One focuses on models, policy and practice research. We examine different models of disability and trace the understanding of disability through the evolution of international policies and agreements. The challenge of providing adequate community-based rehabilitation services in low income countries is examined and possible solutions are explored. A tool for promoting human rights and social inclusion in policies is described along with the way in which it has been used to influence governments and civil society. Other methods of influencing policy formation are explored and good practices in the disability sector in low and middle income countries are described.</p> <p>Day Two focuses on methods used in disability research, with a particular concentration on epidemiological methods. We will discuss the epidemiology of disability and impairment, as well as the measurement of these characteristics. The common quantitative methods used in disability research will be described, including surveys, case-control studies, cohort studies and interventions. Qualitative methods will be explored, such as focus groups and interviews, and we will discuss the merits of using a mixed methods approach in disability research. Finally, we will examine the importance of including disabled people in the research, and how this participation can be achieved in a meaningful way.</p>
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