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The overall aim of this module is to develop students' knowledge and application of the techniques appropriate to qualitative research. This includes developing knowledge and skills in designing, conducting and appraising qualitative research in applied developmental psychology at a post-graduate level.



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