



Course syllabus

Faculty Board of Health, Social Work and Behavioral Sciences
School of Health and Caring Sciences

4VÅ20E Självständigt arbete (examensarbete) med specialisering mot
vård av äldre, 15 högskolepoäng

Degree project in Nursing with specialization in Elderly Care, 15
credits

Main field of study

Caring Science

Subject Group

Nursing Science

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1E

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2011

Prerequisites

Scientific Methods, Specialisation Elderly Care 7.5 credits as well as 7.5 credits Subject
Course, Specialisation Elderly Care

Expected learning outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

On completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Critically examine current nursing research with specialization in elderly care
- Analyse the interplay between theoretical and empirical knowledge within nursing with specialization in elderly care
- Analyse how research-ethical principles influence research processes within nursing with specialization in elderly care
- Critically examine and analyse their own, and others', studies in terms of reliability and validity as well as credibility, authenticity and transferability.

Skills and Ability

On completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Identify and formulate questions as well as plan the carrying out of studies in terms of adequate data acquisition and analysis in relation to the questions

- Carry out research and development work within nursing with specialization elderly care
- Both verbally and in writing, present results from their own studies and be able to argue for the validity of these results
- Mediate scientific results to groups outside of the research community

Judgment and Approach

- Critically examine and assess their own efforts and assess what needs to be developed in terms of scientific methods of working as well as exchange of information on scientific and practical levels
- Demonstrate an insight into the possibilities and limitations of science, its role in society and peoples' responsibility for how it is used as well as reflect over research-ethical considerations

Content

- Identification and limitation of problem areas within elderly care
- Knowledge compilation of chosen area
- Application of scientific methods (data acquisition, work, analysis and compilation)
- Application of research-ethical principles
- Defending of own degree project
- Acting as opponent on another students study/degree project
- Popular scientific presentation of own study/degree project

Type of Instruction

The course is carried out in the form of net-based distance course, which demands access to a computer with an internet connection, capacity for receiving films as well as access to a webcam. The course includes independent work under supervision as well as discussions and seminars via web platform.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

The course is examined through written and oral presentations of students own studies/independent work as well as acting as opponent on another student's work. Also included in the examination are individual written self-evaluations and reflections over students' own efforts and developments of a scientific attitude. For a grade of pass, all expected learning outcomes must be achieved. Students at Linnaeus University can, at request, receive their grades in ECTS credits, according to the ECTS-scale. This request should be made at the introduction of the course. A resit examination is offered within six weeks (during regular semester hours).

Course Evaluation

A written evaluation is carried out and compiled in a report, which is archived at the institution. The results, along with possible measures taken, are reported to the students the next time the course is given.

Other

The number of test opportunities is limited to five.

The course is included as an obligatory course in the education programme with specialisation in elderly care, 60 credits.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Scientific articles and other literature is chosen in consultation with the supervisor