Linnæus University

Course syllabus

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

4VÅ70E Examensarbete, 30 högskolepoäng Degree Project, 30 credits

Main field of study

Caring Science

Subject Group

Nursing Science

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A₂E

Date of Ratification

Approved by the Board of the School of Health and Caring Sciences 2010-10-25

Revised 2010-10-25

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2010

Prerequisites

General entry requirements for studies at second level and 90 credits in caring science Or their equivalent and English A

Scientific Theory and Methodology 22,5 credits

Expected learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student will be able to:

- critically study, analyze and assess national and international scientific studies
- independently perform a scientific study and write a scientific paper
- independently analyze and assess own research findings
- carry out a peer review of a fellow student's work and defend one's own work in a peer review
- participate in research and development work

Content

- Ethical aspects of research
- Components of the research process
- Peer review and defence

Type of Instruction

The teaching is based on the student actively seeking knowledge, problem solution, reflection and critical analysis.

The tuition consists of:

- Group/individual supervision
- Seminars

Examination

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

The course is examined by an oral and a written examination in the form of an independently written paper, which is presented and critically studied during a seminar that includes peer review and defence of the paper.

In order to receive the Pass grade the expected learning outcomes must be achieved. Additional examination opportunities will be provided in accordance with the local regulations for second level courses at Linnaeus University (Dnr:Hl/200090283). A maximum of five examination opportunities will be provided (6 chap 21§ Higher Education Ordinance).

Students at Linnaeus University are entitled to have the course grade translated to the 7-step ECTS scale. A request to have the grades translated must be made to the teacher at the start of the course.

Course Evaluation

A written course evaluation is performed and compiled into a report, which is registered and stored at the department. The results and any measures that are taken will be discussed with the course coordinator and presented to the students.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Current literature, reports and scientific articles for use in the degree project.