Linnæus University

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Programme syllabus

Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

Barnmorskeprogrammet, 90 högskolepoäng
Midwifery Programme, 90 credits

Level
Second Level

Date of Ratification
Approved 2009-06-17
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The programme syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2018

Prerequisites
General entry requirements for second level study and specific requirements:

• Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 180 credits or its international equivalent and a registration by the National Board of Health and Welfare for work as a nurse

• Bachelor of Science in Caring Science or its equivalent

• Professional experience as a nurse, the equivalent of at least 12 month's full-time work

• Swedish B and English A

Description of Programme

The aim of the study programme is to educate midwives within the field of sexual, reproductive and perinatal health from a life-cycle and gender perspective. Furthermore emphasis is put on an evidence-based approach, a professional responsibility and a multicultural perspective. The midwife's work is to be characterized by an ethical and holistic approach, irrespective of the sphere of activity or type of care, and is to be carried out in accordance with current legislation and guidelines. The midwife's work entails health-promotion, prevention and/or treatment and includes a woman's reproductive health throughout her life-cycle. This means being independently responsible for care and support for a normal pregnancy, delivery and postnatal period and identifying deviations and nursing when these occur. Furthermore the midwife's work includes promoting parenthood, breastfeeding and care of the newly born healthy baby. In addition giving advice about sexuality and contraceptives for men and women and health information within reproductive health and nursing in cases of gynaecological ill health is part of their work.

Objectives

In order to gain a Graduate Diploma in Midwifery the student is to demonstrate the knowledge and ability that is needed to work as a midwife (Higher Education Ordinance

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Knowledge and Understanding

In order to gain a Graduate Diploma in Midwifery the student is to:

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- demonstrate both breadth and depth in knowledge in the field of reproductive, perinatal and sexual health

- demonstrate knowledge of the field's scientific basis and insight into current research and development work as well as knowledge about the relationship between science and evidence-based knowledge and the meaning of this relationship for exercising the profession,

- demonstrate greater knowledge of the planning, managing and co-ordinating of work practices in health care, and

- demonstrate knowledge of relevant legislation

Skills and abilities

In order to gain a Graduate Diploma in Midwifery the student is to:

- demonstrate a greater ability to be able to, independently and together with a patient, plan and carry out examinations and treatments based on the patient's needs and requirements,

- demonstrate a greater ability to initiate, carry out and evaluate health promotion and prevention of ill health,

- demonstrate an ability to integrate knowledge as well as analyze, assess and cope with complex issues and situations, events and issues based on the needs of individuals and groups,

- demonstrate an ability to initiate and carry out quality and improvement work and evaluate treatments.

Judgement and Approach

In order to gain a Graduate Diploma in Midwifery the student is to:

- demonstrate self-awareness and an empathic ability,

- demonstrate an ability to make assessments for measures with a holistic view of an individual and based on relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects and take particular attention to human rights,

- demonstrate an ability to have a professional approach to patients and their relatives, and

- demonstrate an ability to identify own needs for further knowledge and for continually improving one's skills.

Content

Organization

The programme is on the second cycle level and comprises 90 credits, three terms of full-time studies and includes theoretical and clinical studies and an independently written project paper (7.5 credits). The programme also provides the qualification that gives the student the right to prescribe medicine for birth control purposes.

The study programme coordinator and the study programme advisory council are responsible for the programme meeting the criteria for academic studies and preparing for PhD-studies. Furthermore the study programme advisory council is responsible for the programme meeting the requirements for work as a midwife.

Programme Overview

The order of the courses can vary in the programme. All the courses are on the second cycle level and are compulsory. The student can choose to write a 7.5 credit or 15 credit project paper.

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1st. Term

Women's reproductive health and the midwife's profession, 7.5 credits

Women's gynaecological health/ill health, 7.5 credits

The art of delivery, the normal birth, 7.5 credits

The art of delivery, the normal birth, clinical studies, 7.5 credits

2nd. Term

Women's reproductive health and health information, 7.5 credits

Health care in reproductive health, maternity care and postnatal care, clinical studies, 16.5 credits

The art of delivery, advanced course, 6 credits

3rd. Term

The art of delivery, advanced course, clinical studies, 15 credits

Scientific Methodology, 7.5 credits

Project paper, 7.5 credits

Project paper, 15 credits

Programme Courses

Women's reproductive health and the midwife's profession, 7.5 credits A1N

Women's gynaecological health/ill health, 7.5 credits A1N

The art of delivery, the normal birth, 7.5 credits A1F

The art of delivery, the normal birth, clinical studies, 7.5 credits A1F

Scientific Methodology, 7.5 credits A1N

Women's reproductive health and health information, 7.5 credits A1F

Health care in reproductive health, maternity care and postnatal care, clinical studies, 16.5 credits A1F

The art of delivery, advanced course, 6 credits A1F

The art of delivery, advanced course, clinical studies, 15 credits A1F

Project paper, 7.5 credits A1F

Project paper, 15 credits A1E

Clinical Studies/Community contacts

The clinical studies comprise 45 credits and include gynaecological nursing, maternity care, maternity ward and delivery. The student is to have monitored 100 women on the delivery ward and under supervision to have assisted with 50 deliveries. The student is, under supervision with a midwife who has the right to prescribe medicine, to have 50 hours of adequate clinical studies in advising on contraception. A part of the programme includes contacts with related professional fields such as schools, police and social services.

Studies Abroad

In order to strengthen the international/intercultural perspective in the course the possibility is given to carry out a part of the study programme in accordance with the school's exchange programme. The planning for this is carried out in consultation between the school's international coordinator and the programme coordinator.

Scope of the programme

The study programme prepares midwives for work in today's and tomorrow's health service in a society characterized by ecological, economic and social sustainability. Diversity is a focal point throughout the programme. The teaching is based on actively preventing discrimination and has an ethical focus. The term diversity entails gender, age, country of origin, social class and ethnicity when encountering different states of ill health.

Quality Development

Evaluation is part of the school's work on quality assurance and is carried out continually. It is the responsibility of the students and the teachers to participate in evaluating the courses. The results of the evaluation and suggestions for changes are to be presented to the students after each course. Furthermore the head of department/director of studies meets regularly with student representatives. The quality of the programme will be the focus of these meetings and suggestions for quality assurance and development will be discussed. The course and programme evaluations will be compiled and retained by the school.

Degree Certificate

After completing the programme studies that correspond to the requirements stated in the Higher Education Ordinance system of qualifications as well as to Linnaeus

University's local system of qualifications the student can apply for a degree certificate. Students who have completed the Midwifery Programme can receive the following degree:

Graduate Diploma in Midwifery

A registration is needed in order to be able to work as a midwife. The registration can be issued on application to the National Board of Health and Welfare. The right to prescribe medicine for birth control purposes will be issued, on application, by the National Board of Health and Welfare.

The degree certificate is bilingual (Swedish/English). A Diploma Supplement in English is provided together with the degree certificate.

Other Information

The student may also receive a one year master's degree in the main field of study, Reproductive, perinatal and sexual health, *Degree of Master of Science in Reproductive, perinatal and sexual health (One Year)* provided that the student has completed a 15 credit project paper in the main field of study.

Some extra costs may occur for the student during the course, e.g. travel costs