

**NURSE EDUCATION RESEARCH, 4 ECTS****Course Programme****The First Day, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 10-16.45 Finnish time UTC+2****Place:** Zoom / Medisiina D1054 (Blokki 2), Kiinamylynkatu 10, 20520 TURKU**10.00-10.20 Welcome and Orientation to the Nurse Education Research Course**

Professor Heli Virtanen, University of Turku and Docent Outi Kähkönen and Doctoral Researcher Anneli Vauhkonen,  
University of Eastern Finland

**10.20-10.55 Introduction of the Ongoing Health Care Education Research Programs and Projects in UTU and UEF**

Professor Heli Virtanen, University of Turku  
Docent Outi Kähkönen and Doctoral Researcher Anneli Vauhkonen, University of Eastern Finland

**10.55-11.00 Break****11.00-12.00 The Importance of Theoretical and Philosophical Congruence in Research**

Assistant Professor Jane Graeves, Nursing and Health Professions Education, Northumbria University

**12.00-13.00 The role of emotions in nursing decision-making**

Debora Rosa, Assistant Professor in Nursing Science  
Center for Nursing Research and Innovation, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, Italy.

**13.00-13.45 Lunch****13.45-14.15 Online degree programs in nursing education – integrative review**

Doctoral Researcher Tanja Hakkarainen, University of Turku

**14.15-15.00 Three-dimensional technology in healthcare education – Research methodological perspective**

PhD Mika Alhonkoski, University of Turku

**15.00–15.30 Occupational Well-being Interventions for Nurse Educators - Research methodological perspective**

Doctoral Researcher Anneli Vauhkonen, University of Eastern Finland

**15.30-16.00 What Have We Learnt? Closing the Day**

Professor Heli Virtanen, University of Turku and Docent Outi Kähkönen, University of Eastern Finland

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- 9.00-9.05**      **Welcome and the Information of the Day**  
Professor Heli Virtanen, University of Turku
- 9.05-9.50**      **Digital competence of Nurse educators – Research in four European countries**  
University Teacher, PhD Juha Pajari, University of Eastern Finland
- 9.50-10.00**    **Break**
- 10.00-10.30**   **Action Research in Health Pedagogy Research**  
Doctoral Researcher Anneli Vauhkonen, University of Eastern Finland
- 10.30-11.00**   **Experiences on Role Transition Among Nurse Prescribers**  
Doctoral Researcher Jonna Suominen, University of Turku
- 11.00-13.00**   **Qualitative Research in Nursing Education Research – Focus on analysis**  
Professor Elaine Haycock-Stuart, School of Health in Social Science  
Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy Nursing Studies  
and  
Susanne Kean, PhD, Lecturer in Nursing Studies, School of Health in Social Science  
University of Edinburgh
- 13.00-13.45**    **Lunch**
- 13.45-14.45 Group work (two groups): Based on Students' Written Assignment (papers)**
- The instructions for the written assignment are in the online section of this course in DigiCampus learning environment. Students have done these written assignments before the seminar days.
- The aim of this workshop is to deepen your knowledge about research theme/topic in the field of nursing/health care education or your own research topic and research methodological issues used in your own doctoral research. Teachers of the day; Heli Virtanen, Outi Kähkönen and Anneli Vauhkonen.
- 14.45-15.15 Group 1, presentation**  
**15.15-15.45 Group 2, presentation**
- 15.45-16.00**   **Closing the Course – Evaluative Discussion**  
Professor Heli Virtanen, University of Turku  
Docent Outi Kähkönen, University of Eastern Finland  
Doctoral Researcher Anneli Vauhkonen, University of Eastern Finland