

Finnish Doctoral Education Network in Nursing Science
University of Turku, Finland

Nursing Science: Ethics in health care and nursing research, 5 ECTS

Time:	12.-13.3.2026 Hybrid lectures 16.4.2026 Onsite lectures and workshops
Place:	University of Turku, Department of Nursing Science, Kiinamylynkatu 10 Medisiina D1052 (Upokas) Thursday 12.3.2026 09.00-16.00, Hybrid lecture Friday 13.3.2026 09.00-16.00, Hybrid lecture Thursday 16.4.2026 09.00-15.30, On-site seminar
Course leaders:	Professor Mari Kangasniemi, Professor Riitta Suhonen, University of Turku (UTU)
Target group:	PhD students in nursing science, national network
Teachers:	Professor Mari Kangasniemi (UTU); Professor Riitta Suhonen (UTU); PhD, RN Honorary Reader Paul Snelling, Brunel University of London, Research Fellow Ryan Essex, The George Institute for Global Health, Australia, Post Doc researcher Karoliina Nikula, PhD Oili Papinaho, University of Turku, PhD Piiku Pakkanen, University of Turku.
Purpose:	To analyse nursing and health care ethics from global to local point of view. The goal is, that candidates are aware of scientific knowledge on ethics in nursing and health sciences ethics and able to critically analyse their own doctoral study topic from the ethical framework.
Credits:	5 ECTS
Learning methods:	Lectures (including discussions) and workshop
Literature:	Current literature, research reports and lecture materials.
Course evaluation:	After the course: Students will evaluate the course according to the evaluation form of the Finnish Doctoral Education Network in Nursing Science
Contact person:	Coordinator Hanna Heikelä, dpnurs@utu.fi

CONTENT AND PROGRAM**Thursday 12.3.2026**

- 9.00-9.30 Introduction to the course
Professor Mari Kangasniemi, Professor Riitta Suhonen
- 9.30-11.00 Nurses' activism, and political decision making
Research Fellow Ryan Essex
- 11.00-12.00 Lunch break
- 12.00-14.00 Why this course/Ethical questions in the PhD studies
Moderator: Professor Mari Kangasniemi
- 14.00-14.30 Coffee break
- 14.30-16.00 Priorization in nursing
Professor Riitta Suhonen, University of Turku

Friday 13.3.2026

- 9.00-9.15 Introduction for the day
Professor Mari Kangasniemi, Professor Riitta Suhonen
- 9.15-10.30 Key concepts in nursing ethics
Professor Mari Kangasniemi
- 10.30-11.30 Nurses' deficient professional conduct
PhD Oili Papinaho
- 11.30-12.30 Lunch break
- 12.30-14.00 Nursing and social justice
PhD, RN Honorary Reader Paul Snelling, Brunel University of London
- 14.00-14.30 Coffee break
- 14.30-15.30 Professionalism and multi-professional ethics in health and social care
PhD Piiku Pakkanen, University of Turku
- 15.30-16.00 Final discussion and the end of the day

Thursday 16.4.2026

- 9.00-9.15 Introduction of the day
- 9.15-10.45 Work-shop discussions based on students' essays on the PhD study topic
Moderator: Professor Mari Kangasniemi, Post Doc researcher Karoliina Nikula
- 10.45-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-12.30 Work-shop discussions based on students' essays on the PhD study topic
- 12.30-13.45 Lunch break
- 13.45-15.15 Work-shop discussions based on students' essays on the PhD study topic
Moderator: Professor Mari Kangasniemi
- 15.15-15.30 Summative discussion and conclusions
Professor Mari Kangasniemi



Course assessment: Passed-failed

Requirements: Requirements for the workshop consist of following parts:

1. Students' paper works, made for the seminars (see the separate instructions)
2. Paper works will be presented during the seminars.
3. Active participation in lectures and onsite seminars/workshops.

Instructions for the students' paperwork:

1. Identify the questions of nursing and health care ethics which are linked to your doctoral study and current society. Focus is on the content of your study topic (not research ethics). Use the given reference list in your assignment together with the references relevant in your study topic.
2. Write an assignment (5-10 pages) and summarize your main points in the PP-slides (3-5 slides), use main references also in your presentation. Be prepared to present on the seminar days.
3. Upload slides to Moodle, no later than 7.4.2026.

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