

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

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

<b>Time:</b>	12.-13.3.2026 Hybrid lectures 16.4.2026 Onsite lectures and workshops
<b>Place:</b>	University of Turku, Department of Nursing Science, Kiinamyllynkatu 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
<b>Course leaders:</b>	Professor Mari Kangasniemi, Professor Riitta Suhonen, University of Turku (UTU)
<b>Target group:</b>	PhD students in nursing science, national network
<b>Teachers:</b>	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.
<b>Purpose:</b>	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.
<b>Credits:</b>	5 ECTS
<b>Learning methods:</b>	Lectures (including discussions) and workshop
<b>Literature:</b>	Current literature, research reports and lecture materials.
<b>Course evaluation:</b>	After the course: Students will evaluate the course according to the evaluation form of the Finnish Doctoral Education Network in Nursing Science
<b>Contact person:</b>	Coordinator Hanna Heikelä, <a href="mailto:dpnurs@utu.fi">dpnurs@utu.fi</a>

## **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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