

Course Syllabus

Degree Thesis in Sexual, Reproductive and Perinatal Health (freestanding course) 15 Credits, Second Cycle

Learning Outcomes

The overall objective is that the student through an independent scientific approach can be able to manage and develop knowledge in sexual, reproductive and perinatal health with relevance to the midwifery profession and research field, and thus be able to work with evidence-based care.

After completing the course the student should be able to independently

- critically reflect on and analyze concepts, theories and perspectives in sexual, reproductive and perinatal health,
- identify and argue for a scientific problem statement and purpose based on current research knowledge in a defined area,
- search, critically evaluate and synthesize scientific publication and integrate theories and concepts within the chosen area with relevance to sexual, reproductive and perinatal health,
- conduct a research ethics risk/benefit analysis based on ethical principles,
- conduct a scientific investigation using relevant design, methodology and analysis, and argue for and critically reflect on the choices made in relation to the scientific aim,
- analyze and evaluate the results in relation to previous research and evaluate the clinical significance of the results,
- evaluate own contribution to the development of knowledge and give suggestions for further research,
- defend and communicate own scientific work and critically evaluate others' scientific work concerning degree of scientificity, content and structure,
- evaluate the usefulness and applicability of research-based knowledge in clinical contexts.

Course Content

The course includes planning, implementing and compiling a scientific study in sexual, reproductive and perinatal health in accordance with the different parts of a research

process. The course also includes defense of the thesis and critical review of another student's thesis.

Assessment

Examinations are the PM, the thesis and the performed defense of them, as well as opponent skills in relation to another PM and thesis. The thesis is assessed as an independent work. If the thesis has more authors, each author's individual performance is assessed alone.

This is done by:

- interview of tutors and students individually,
- proof of the student's individual performance, as attested by all authors of the thesis.

Grades

The grading scale used for the final course grade is U–G.

Score are reported as:

- PM (0 credits)
- Thesis (15 credits)

Grades are reported as follows:

- PM - 0 Credits | U–G
- Degree thesis - 15 Credits | U–G

Prerequisites

A Bachelor's degree comprising at least 180 credits with a major in Caring Science or Nursing, and a Swedish professional qualification as a midwife

Other Information

This course cannot be counted towards the same degree along with courses that have equivalent content.

If the student has received a decision/recommendation granting study support from Dalarna University because of a disability, then the examiner has the right to offer an alternative examination arrangement. The examiner takes into account the objectives in the course syllabus when deciding whether the examination can be adapted in accordance with the decision/recommendation.



Subject:

Sexual, Reproductive and Perinatal Health

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. Sexual, Reproductive and Perinatal Health

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. A1E

Approved:

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