

Periodic Evaluation of the Degree Programme in Nursing (2016)

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The most important strengths

The most impressive feature of the Degree Programme in Nursing seems to be firstly the strong correspondence between objectives and well-anticipated future competence needs in working life. They seem to emphasise the need for the graduate to achieve both the ability to act as an independent expert and as a member of multi-professional teams, as well as supporting the individual needs of the customer/patient. Secondly, the degree enables fluent and modern ways of using technology-aided methods in learning and teaching. Thirdly, the degree enables a good academic level in learning, teaching, quality of contents and pedagogical settlements. This concerns especially the realisation of practical training objectives and guidance of practical training. The degree addresses the demands of European directives very well.

The most important areas for improvement

Although the degree enables a very good competence in constructing the research-based learning processes of the student, there is a need of improving the implementation of online studies and abilities for work in multicultural environments in Finland. It is also crucially important to increase the graduates' readiness to work in the future in very diverse work organisations, including mixed public and private enterprises, private enterprises, public sector and third sector organisations. The evidence-based orientation of the Degree Programme in Nursing can always be strengthened as well.

Conclusion

The result of the periodic evaluation of the Degree Programme in Nursing is approved. All the evaluated targets (curriculum, learning process and results) are at an acceptable level. The next periodic evaluation of the programme will be carried out in five years' time.