



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

History of Nursing

2627-1-K0102D003-K0102D00301

Aims

The course aims to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the historical evolution of nursing care from historical, professional, and disciplinary perspectives.

Contents

Historical development of nursing care. Key approaches to the study of nursing history. Introduction to historical research methodology. Major milestones in the evolution of the nursing profession.

Detailed program

The course explores the historical development of nursing care and the nursing profession through key historical and methodological perspectives. Students will examine different approaches to the study of the history of healthcare and nursing, together with the social, cultural, and organizational contexts that have shaped the profession. Topics include healthcare and nursing in antiquity and the rise of Christianity; the contribution of the major reformers of healthcare; healthcare conditions and welfare initiatives in Italy between the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries; the legacy of Florence Nightingale and the emergence of modern nursing science; and the development of nursing in Italy throughout the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.

The course also provides an introduction to historical research methodology, including the use of historical sources and research methods, illustrated through a case study based on a historical research project conducted as part of a Master's Degree dissertation in Nursing and Midwifery Sciences.

Prerequisites

As defined by the Academic Regulations.

Teaching form

Lectures.

Textbook and teaching resource

Provided by the teacher.

Semester

First year, first semester.

Assessment method

The assessment method will be communicated in detail by the teacher.

Office hours

By appointment, arranged via email with the teacher.

Sustainable Development Goals

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