



# Activities at Institute of Nursing and Health Sciences

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# **Institute of Nursing and Health Sciences**

- **Part of the University of Greenland/  
Ilisimatusarfik**
- **Provide education and conduct research**
- **Greenland Center for Health Research is a  
part of the Institute**



# Education in the Institute

- **Nursing program (BScN)**
- **Postgraduate diploma program in Arctic Specialized Nursing**
- **Program in Clinical Supervision**
- **PhD. program**



# Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- **The Nursing program was established in 1994**
- **From 2008, the BScN as part of the university**
- **In 2010, the Institute was established**



# **4 year program (240 ECTS credits)**

- **Theoretical studies 150 ECTS**
- **Clinical practice 90 ECTS**
  
- **58 students under training**
- **106 have graduated**
- **98 are working in hospitals  
and in primary healthcare in  
Greenland**



# **Postgraduate diploma program in Arctic Specialized Nursing**

## **1 year program (60 ECTS)**

- **Course 1: Health promotion, instructional strategies, and patient education**
- **Course 2: Arctic specialized nursing, the acute patient, and family nursing**
- **Course 3: Clinical practice**
- **Course 4: Thesis**



# Clinical Supervision

- **A postgraduate program for nurses who educate nursing students in clinical skills**



# **PhD program**

## **The University of Greenland**

### **Ilisimatusarfik**



## **Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD.)**

**At a international level with 180 ECTS credits**  
**- three years of full-time study**

**Independent PhD. Board at Institute of Nursing and Health Sciences,  
since 2012**

### **Board members**

- **Torunn Hamran, professor, Health and Care disciplines, University of Tromsø**
- **Michael Lynge Pedersen, PhD., General Practitioner, Queen Ingrid´s Hospital; Nuuk**
- **Stig Andersen, PhD., Medical Doctor, Department of Endocrinology, Aalborg Hospital, Denmark**
- **Lise Hounsgaard, Associate Professor, PhD., University of Greenland & University of Southern Denmark**



# **Scientific Work and Research**

- 1. Everyday Life with Chronic Illness**
- 2. Empowerment and professional social work in Greenland**
- 3. The nature of nursing practice in rural and remote areas of Greenland**
- 4. Women's perspectives on illness after being screened for cervical cancer**
- 5. ACCEPT**

# Everyday Life with Chronic Illness



## Focus

Patients' everyday life in structures of social practice: what their activities are, where they spend their days, with whom they share their everyday life, and what they value. The analysis of this knowledge can produce ideas for professional contributions to a good life while living with chronic illness – from the perspective of the patients.

## PhD-stud.

- **Tine Aagaard, RN, M.Sc., Institute of Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Greenland**

## Supervision

- **Lise Hounsgaard, Associate Professor, PhD., University of Greenland & University of Southern Denmark (main supervisor)**
- **Tove Borg, PhD., Senior Researcher, University of Aarhus**

# **Empowerment and professional social work in Greenland**

**The study takes a participatory action research approach to what social workers consider important aspects in increasing both the professionalization and recognition of the social worker profession in Greenland**

## **PhD stud.**

- **Steven Arnfjord, M.Sc.,  
Institute of Nursing and Health Sciences,  
University of Greenland**



## **Supervisor**

- **Lise Hounsgaard, Associate Professor, PhD., (main supervisor)  
University of Greenland & University of Southern Denmark**
- **John Andersen, Professor, Roskilde University**
- **Henning Salling-Olesen. Professor, Roskilde University**

# The nature of nursing practice in rural and remote areas of Greenland

- to investigate current nursing practice in Greenland to identify whether it meets the requirements of healthcare reform



**Lise Hounsgaard**, Associate Professor, PhD., University of Greenland & University of Southern Denmark, **Anne Birgitte Jensen**, Head Nurse, MPH, DIH, **Julie Præst Wilche**, M.Sc., Greenland & **Ilone Dolmer**, Lecturer, M.S., University of Greenland

# Women's perspectives on illness on being screened for cervical cancer

- The purpose was to examine women's perception of disease, their understanding of the connection between HPV and cervical cancer when they have cell-changes, and what knowledge they deem necessary for tri-annual cervical cancer screening participation



**Lise Hounsgaard**, PhD., Associate Professor, University of Greenland and University of Southern Denmark, **Mikaela Augustussen**, M.Sc., Nuuk, **Helle Møller**, PhD., Assistant Professor, Lakehead University, Canada, **Stephen K. Bradley**, PhD., Research Associate, University of Ireland Galway, **Suzanne Møller**, M.Ed., Head of Department, University of Greenland



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## Adaptation to Climate Change, Environmental Pollution, and Dietary Transition

**To establish a prospective and representative Greenlandic mother-child cohort that is compatible with other circumpolar and international child cohorts.**

**To explore and identify relationships between health risks and climate change, environmental pollutants, lifestyle, and genetics in order to increase the possibility for a healthy environment for the next generation.**

### **Leader**

Center head Eva Bonefeld-Jørgensen PhD., Professor, Centre for Arctic Health (CAH), Aarhus University

**Coordinator** and responsible for the fieldwork and registration of data in Greenland: Associate Professor, PhD., Lise Hounsgaard and Suzanne Møller, M.Ed., Head of Institute of Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Greenland

Coordinator for the project with **the international cohorts**: Professor, PhD., Jon Øyvind Odland

# Network and collaborators

## National

- Greenland Center for Health research
- The Greenlandic healthcare system

## International

- University colleges in Denmark
- University of Southern Denmark, Aarhus, Roskilde, Tromsø, Sundsvall Island, Lakehead University, Canada, University of Ireland, Galway





Thank you for  
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