

Statement of principles of Pflege & Gesellschaft

1. Aims and scope of Pflege & Gesellschaft

Pflege & Gesellschaft is a nursing science journal in which academic discourse, the presentation of empirical research studies in nursing and health care, the discussion of theoretical and methodological approaches and positions, and the provision of research-based innovations for nursing practice are made available.

The journal aims at contributing to the further development of the discipline, at reflecting on its development as well as contributing to the critical contextualization of questions derived from a nursing science perspective within society. This includes the purposeful integration of inter- and multidisciplinary perspectives.

2. Contribution to the field of biomedicine

Nursing Science and Biomedicine are two closely related yet distinct disciplines that correlate each other's empirical research results in order to ensure high-quality health care services and delivery. Overlaps and differences between the nursing science and the biomedical perspectives are worked out according to thematic focal points and described within their respective contingency. The key research subjects and results show clearly that both areas are interrelated and how they enhance each other and relate to each other in order to contribute to a humane health care system.

3. Matching of the authorship and contributions to the scope of Pflege & Gesellschaft

Papers published in the journal are submitted by nursing scientists and scientists from other related disciplines (such as public health, health sciences, medicine, sociology, psychology, technology), primarily from the German speaking countries. Papers from disciplinary as well as interdisciplinary backgrounds and their contextualization provide indispensable contributions for the development of nursing science in the German speaking countries and beyond.

The journal accepts original contributions of empirical studies, methodologically sound literature reviews (such as systematic reviews, scoping reviews, integrative reviews), theoretical analyses and essays.

Content-wise the journal embraces nursing science related research areas within healthcare and with special regard to nursing tasks. Additional subjects are the meaning, effectiveness and transformation ability of nursing care structures and services. This includes all sectors of care (such as primary care, institutional and other forms of long-term care, hospitals, rehabilitation), all parts of the life course (from pre-birth to long-term and palliative care) and all medical and specialist care areas as well as occupational and organizational structures, processes, and perspectives. Papers on methodological, ethical, historical, theoretical reflections as well as on the philosophy of science with regard to nursing science or nursing practice will be accepted.

Each issue has a thematic focal point with three or four papers related to it. In addition, it contains one or two "open" papers that are not related to the focal point. In 2022 and 2023 the focal points were:

- Nursing and community care
- Structural development of the educational system in nursing
- Migration and diversity
- Health promotion and prevention in nursing

- Use of artificial intelligence in nursing
- Nursing during the pandemic – conceptual issues and empirical answers
- Home Care
- Historical nursing research
- Policy counselling in nursing science
- Nursing care and care management in rural areas
- Developments in primary health care
- Ecology and sustainability

4. Coverage of an area of research that is relatively underrepresented in the nursing science literature

Pflege & Gesellschaft is characterized by its nursing science focus including perspectives from related sciences as well as societal perspectives. Hence, besides the biomedical essentials of nursing, questions related to nursing research and development will be related to the healthcare system and to the regulatory frameworks of healthcare and society. Contributions on ethical, sociological, methodological, and theoretical subjects are also possible and welcome. It is the focus of the journal to critically reflect interdependencies and contingencies with scientific means and, by doing so, to contextualize the development of nursing science in German-speaking countries. There is no journal with a comparable alignment in the German-speaking world.