

# Nordic Congress for Ophthalmic Nurses

## Education in the Nordic countries Panel discussion

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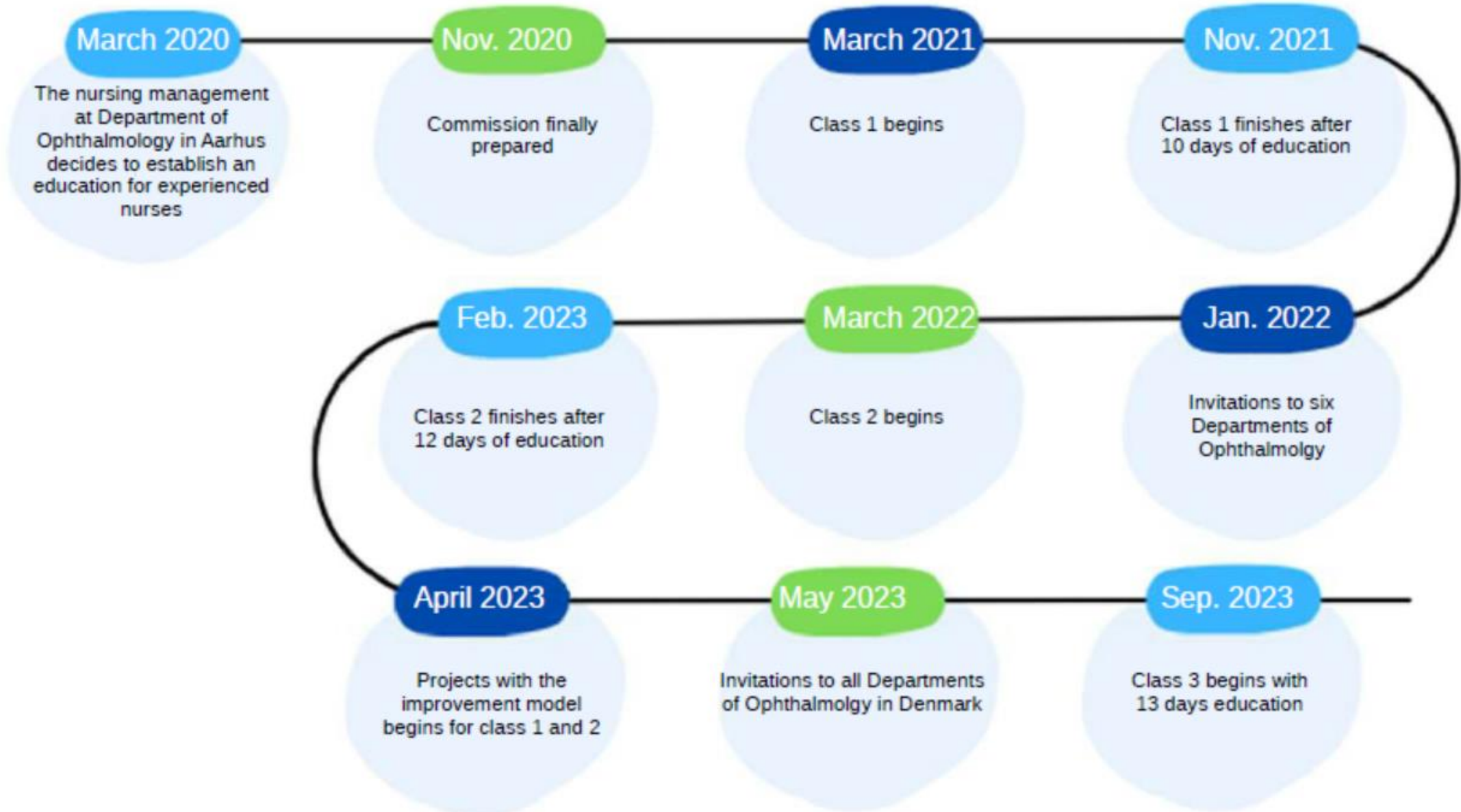
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# Education in Ophthalmic Nursing Care

Why did we establish this education?

- Competence development of experienced nurses
- Important to prioritize experienced nurses
- Retention of employees
- Greater knowledge of ophthalmology and ophthalmic nursing care





# Programme content

- Cataract and calculation of special lenses
- AMD
- Surgical treatment of retinal diseases
- The acute eye patient
- Eksternal eye diseases
- Diabetes
- Tumor
- Cornea
- Glaucoma
- Child and adult strabismus
- Refractive surgery
- Pediatric ophthalmology
- Tear ducts
- Neuroophthalmology
- Uveitis
- Eye thrombosis
- Ophthalmology in a historical perspective



# Programme content

- Nursing care for patients in different ophthalmological diseases
- Nursing care for elderly patients
- Nursing care for socially vulnerable patients
- Youth and generations
- Transfer and learning
- Self efficacy
- Relational coordination og behavioral profilation
- Coping strategies and moral stress amongst nursing staff
- Quality development
- The Improvement Model
- Center for Vision and Assistive Technology
- The Danish Cornea Bank



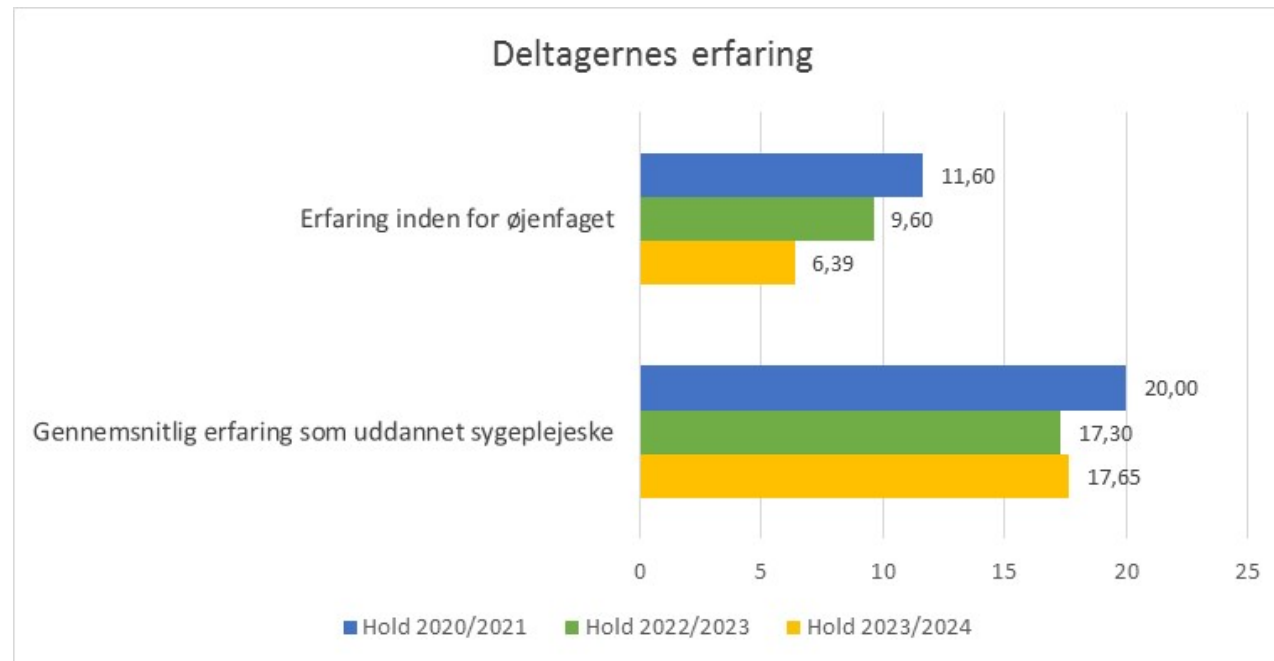
# Programme

There are 14 education days distributed over a period of one year. At the end of the first year the participants make a presentation of a patient case which reflects a nursing problem.

After the first year the participants continues with an improvement project in their own departments. At the end of the second year the participants make a presentation of their development projects.



# Participant nurses seniority



**Participation of nurses from eight out of ten Departments of Ophthalmology in Denmark**





# Evaluation By the Delphi-method



# Evaluation - statements

Have the opportunity to exchange experiences

Professional knowledge of eye diseases strengthened to a large extent

Given great insight into other eye diseases than you work with on a daily basis

I now feel like a more professionally skilled eye nurse in a broader sense

More focus on own professionalism and additional joy in practice

Safe learning environment

Could spend more time on knowledge sharing/exchange

More focus on nursing



# Facts about Education in Ophthalmic Nursing Care

The education is...

- primarily situated at Aarhus University Hospital
- not at university level/academic education and you do not obtain a title or credits
- offered national to experienced ophthalmic nurses (RN) working at a hospital

The students get wages when studying, because they are still working full time. They get a day off when there is an education day, but have to study in their spare time.



# Employees at Departments of Ophthalmology in Denmark

- Nurses, RN
- Ophthalmologists
- Optometrists (Master in Optometry and Visual Science)
- Orthoptists (strabismus therapists)
- Social and health assistants
- Photographers
- Medical students



Thank you for your attention

