The basic thought within caring science is that caritas is the core of caring. In this study I search for other motives, than love, that could lie behind the nurse’s willingness to care for other people. The basic willingness to care just seems to exist within a nurse as a kind of an unpronounced vocation. The base for this study lies in the caring science tradition, in humanity and viewing man as a human being.

The question in this study is: What lies behind nurse’s willingness to care for other people? The aim of this study is to uncover things that lie behind the willingness to care for others. This could perhaps help nurses to identify and consent to their willingness to care. In searching for possible answers I turn to philosophy and its view on man’s will and the impact it has on man’s being and becoming in his life. I turn to two known philosophers i.e. Viktor E. Frankl and Rollo May due to their deep insight into human’s will. Through hermeneutical reading of the chosen books I try to receive deeper understanding of human’s will. Both the particular and the common understanding find its place during the reading process. The hermeneutical reading ends up with a few enlightenments about human’s will. These enlightenments are given a place within caring science through abduction.

The pattern which is uncovered through abduction results in hypotheses about nurses willingness to care for others. Within the willingness to care for others lies a thought about understanding something elementary about the meaning of life. The willingness to care carries the message about human’s individual place in the world and his specific mission in life. The willingness to care for others is a personal will, to take the standpoint for good in life. In nurse’s willingness to care for others, one can see the importance of values and the future for all human beings. Nurse’s willingness to care for others measures our humanity, our willingness to reach out for others. The willingness to care for others includes also the ability to love ourselves. The willingness to care for others is a question about a human encounter based on confidence and love. The nurse experiences a personal meaning in her own life through her caring activities within a caring communion.