The aim of this caring science study is to deepen the understanding of how claritas gets visible in the nurse's caring. The study strives to explore the essence of claritas; the light and the brilliance, the holy. As Eriksson describes it, the claritas appears in the nurse as a beautiful figure in harmony between ideal, form and a sensuous figure driven from within in liberty and internal harmony – a calling which is the object deserving all efforts in the caring sciences. The key question in this study is; How is Claritas visible in the caring of the nurse?

The theoretical perspective in the study is based on the scholastic tradition evolved at the department of Caring Science at the Åbo Akademi University where the development of the Caring Sciences belong to the Caring tradition which has its origins in the humanistic sciences.

The method used is qualitative hermeneutical. The collection of data has been done with means of focus groups interviews with nurses cherishing a caritative caring tradition. The analysis of data is interpreted according to the thematic model for analysis created by Ricoeur, consisting of three steps, the naive reading, structural analysis and interpreted entity, which all have the aim to comprehend the text, the typed interview.

The essential results of this study can be summarized in four purposeful themes, where claritas in a nurse's caring will be visible. These themes are; being responsible, care for, having an attitude, possessing expertise, which all conclude in an entirety of beeing.

Claritas as a phenomena is explained as the light; that illuminate, that catches the eye, and fascinates the viewer, it falls pleasant, harmonic and inviting. The glare of the light radiates from an inner core, from love. The presence of caritas is a substantial condition for claritas to evolve. Claritas is the face of caritas. One can see the light of love in the nurse's being, the glare that is visible in her way of caring. Love finds its expression in a unselfish desire to help and to serve. One can speak about the refinement of the heart, the inner self. The important issue is the fundamental values which the nurse carries in her inner self and which becomes visible in her caring. The ruling metaphor of this study is “the light of love”. The light of love is the fire that burns inside the nurse to serve the true, good and the beautiful. The claritative nurse radiates the good caritative nurse of the finest kind, the refinement of the hearth, the cerebrum and the hand.