



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Public Health Science

Syllabus

Vulnerable children and families - Children's health from social and psychological perspectives

Course Code:	FHASP1
Course Title:	Vulnerable children and families - Children's health from social and psychological perspectives <i>Vulnerable children and families - Children's health from social and psychological perspectives</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

Major Field of Study:
FHA (Public Health Sciences)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2015-09-15, and is valid from the Spring semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

General admission requirements for admission to Master's level. Special requirements: Completed courses of 60 ECTS cr at university level and upper secondary level Swedish 3 or B/Swedish 2 B or 3 M and English 6 or A, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- describe central concepts, the risk and protective factors of vulnerability and signs of abuse or deprivation,
- identify the consequences of vulnerability for children, family and society,
- give an account of the importance of respectful treatment in working with vulnerable children and families.

Skills and abilities

- perform as a peer reviewer and defend their own work
- critically review a science article in the field and present the content to their fellow-students,

Judgement and attitude

- analyse children's health from a social and psychological perspective, and discuss similarities and dissimilarities regarding different forms of vulnerability from theoretical perspectives covered in the

course,

- analyse and evaluate different consequences of professional conduct, action and case managing, and the consequences of public service efforts.

Content

Instruction is in the form of lectures and seminars.

The course provides a deeper knowledge of how to understand children's health from a social and psychological perspective. It includes theoretical understanding of the risk and protective factors involved in children's social and psychological health and its application.

Areas treated are:

- exposed children, violence in close relationships, and deviant behaviour
- theories at individual, group and society levels
- professional conduct and the rights of children and families in relation to societal efforts.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a dialogue seminar, individual take-home exam, and a concluding seminar with review and defence of reports.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

Elective course for the Public Health Master's programme and open to non-programme students.