



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Nursing Science

Syllabus

Ulcers and Wound Care I

Course Code:	KMA134
Course Title:	Ulcers and Wound Care I <i>Sår och sårbehandling I</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:
OMA (Nursing Science)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2023-04-27, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2024 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

60 ECTS credits of first-cycle programme courses in nursing and health care and upper secondary level Swedish 3 or Swedish as a second language 3 and English 6 or A, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Explain the normal wound healing process and the ability to recognize factors that inhibit and facilitate the wound healing process,
2. Suggest and motivate treatment principles for different types of wounds in relation to the patient's situation, clinical perspective, diagnosis, and evidence.
3. Explain the pressure ulcers aetiology and apply appropriate pressure ulcers intervention according current guidelines
4. Explain relevant regulations and guidelines in this context

Content

Instruction is in the form of introductory lectures, case, and workshops.

The course integrates Nursing (4 ECTS cr) and Medicine (3.5 ECTS cr).

Students study the normal wound healing process and cause mechanisms of acute and chronic wounds. The course covers acute wounds, ulcers, arterial wounds, and venous leg sores. Also studied are compression treatment, the importance of nutrition, pressure wound prevention, and local wound treatment principles based on the situation of the patient, clinical perspectives, and clinical evidence. The course also covers wound fluids, the importance of bandaging, the problem of bioburden, antibiotic treatment and/or antiseptic preparations. Regulations and guidelines in the field are included.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a an individual take-home exam, discussed in a seminar.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to Targeted Study Support due to a documented disability, the examiner has the right to give such students an adapted examination or to examine them in a different manner.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), or Distinction (VG) 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.

Optional course for the Nursing programme.