



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Nursing Science

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Health, Science and Technology on 8 April 2014, and is valid from the Spring semester of 2015 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: KMA135

Ulcers and Wound Care II, 7.5 ECTS Credits

(Sår och sårbehandling II, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Undergraduate programme studies 60 ECTS cr in nursing and health care or equivalent and upper secondary level Swedish 3 or B and English 6 or A.

Major Field of Study

OMA (Nursing Science)

Learning Outcomes

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

1. discern normal wound healing and assess risk factors and cause mechanisms of acute and chronic wounds,
2. suggest and explain the choice of treatment principles in different types of wounds in relation to the patient's situation, clinical picture, diagnosis and evidence,
3. identify ethical aspects in the treatment of patients with chronic wounds and relate these to a chosen theory,
4. give an account of regulations and guidelines of relevance in this area.

Content and Form of Instruction

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

The course integrates medical science (4.5 ECTS cr) and nursing (3 ECTS cr) in the different course components and examination.

Students study the normal wound healing process and cause mechanism of acute and chronic wounds. The course covers pressure wounds, infected wounds and diabetic foot sores, as well as vacuum assisted closure, advanced biological treatment and local sore treatment relevant to different types of wounds depending on the patient's situation, clinical picture and evidence. Also treated are pus, the importance of bandage, the problem of bioburden, antibiotic treatment and/or antiseptic preparations. Ethical aspects in connection with wound treatment are considered and the regulations and guidelines in the field studied.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exam.

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

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

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

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Optional course for the Nursing Programme

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