



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Nursing Science

Syllabus

Perioperative Nursing

Course Code:	KMA601
Course Title:	Perioperative Nursing <i>Perioperative Nursing</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 2015-06-05, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2015 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Nursing licence issued by the National Board for Health and Welfare. Nursing degree (180 ECTS credits) including degree project of at least 15 ECTS cr, or Bachelor 's degree in nursing, or equivalent.

One year work experience as a full-time licensed nurse.

Upper secondary level Swedish 3 or B/Swedish as a second language 3 or B and English 6 or A.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course the student should be able to:

- describe the field of perioperative care and perioperative nursing theory,
- identify nursing problems and needs, and plan and carry out nursing routines in cooperation with the patient and next-of-kin,
- describe and reflect on ethics and dignity in perioperative nursing,
- apply hygienic principles and routines and reflect on aseptic approaches,
- plan preoperative skin-desinfection and sterile draping with regard to anatomy and material needed for the operation,
- control the functions and handle medical/technical equipment and identify and prevent any risks connected to the operation,
- describe and analyse qualitative methods data and assess validity and trustworthiness.

Content

Nursing, 2.75 ECTS cr and medical science 4.75 ECTS cr are integrated in the course.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, literature study, group work, seminars and clinical placement (three weeks).

Students study individually and in groups.

The course includes lectures in the field of perioperative nursing, the perioperative nursing process. Students identify nursing problems and needs, draw up a nursing plan according to the perioperative nursing process in cooperation with patient and next-of-kin. Nursing and suffering caused by nursing practice are analysed in terms of the ethical aspects of perioperative nursing. Students practise aseptic technique, putting on sterile coat and gloves, preoperative skin disinfection, and sterile draping. They also practise handling medical technique products and safety awareness. The course includes microbiology and hygiene related to perioperative nursing. During the clinical placement period they observe events at which patients' dignity is respected or disrespected.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a group assignment discussed in seminar, an individual hand-in assignment discussed in seminar, and an individual net-based exam in medical technique. The clinical placement is concluded with a theoretical take-home exam and a practical assessment of student performance.

Students who fail the clinical placement have the opportunity to be reassessed on two more occasions as soon as this can be arranged.

Absence from seminars is compensated by a written task.

Supplementary examination is permitted if 1) material for the assessment of a learning outcome is lacking, 2) if the result is close to the requirements for a Pass grade. Additional material must be submitted within six days of notification.

Grades

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

One of the grades Fail (U) and Pass (G) is awarded in the examination of the clinical placement component.

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 course KMAD59 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course KMA601. 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.

Required course for the Specialist Nursing Programme: Perioperative Nursing

A student who, in the examiner's judgement, will fail to obtain a Pass grade for the clinical training component on the grounds of grave and unprofessional conduct may be required to immediately discontinue the clinical training.

As stipulated in the Higher Education Act Ch. 2, sect. 6, SFS 1992: 1434, and Regulations of Student Expulsion from Higher Education SFS 1987: 915, a student who suffers from mental disorder, abuses alcohol or drugs, or has been guilty of a serious offence endangering others or valuable property can be expelled until further notice. In such a case, the Rector files a complaint to the Expulsion Board of higher education, which investigates the matter and makes a decision. A decision of expulsion shall always entail that the student must discontinue the education until further notice. The Expulsion Board of Higher Education is responsible for all Swedish higher education institutions.