



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology  
Nursing Science

# Syllabus

## Theatre Care in Theory and Practice

<b>Course Code:</b>	KMA602
<b>Course Title:</b>	Theatre Care in Theory and Practice <i>Operationssjukvård i teori och praktik</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	22.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1F)

**Major Field of Study:**  
OMA (Nursing Science)

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2020-06-09, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

Registered in the Specialist Nursing Programme: Theatre Care and completed clinical examination and practical placement (VFU, 3.75 ECTS credits) in the course Perioperative Nursing (7.5 ECTS credits), Corresponding assessment can be made.

When this course is offered as contract education, the qualification requirements for a commissioned are "eligible if they are appointed by their employers to attend the program."

### Learning Outcomes

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

- conduct perioperative counseling sessions with patient and next-of-kin and analyse data for planning the perioperative care of the patient,

- plan, conduct, evaluate, and document the perioperative nursing process of a patient in cooperation with the patient and next-of-kin,
- reflect upon and adopt an ethical approach to the patient and next-of-kin in theatre care,
- reflect upon evidence in perioperative nursing,
- give an account of topographical anatomy and surgical methodology in general and special surgery,
- independently handle material and equipment with preserved aseptics and prevent contagion and complications on the basis of evidence and proven experience,
- demonstrate responsibility and confidence in handling medical/technical equipment as stipulated in current regulations and guidelines, and
- independently prepare and arrange surgical instruments, assist and restore the theatre after surgery, and handle biological specimens.

## **Content**

Nursing (5.5 ECTS cr) and medical science (17 ECTS cr) are integrated in the course.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, literature study, group work, seminars, and 12 weeks of clinical placement. This is a full-time distance course.

The course includes different components that combine theory and practice with a focus on the responsibility and role of the theatre nurse in general and special surgery. In addition, the perioperative nursing process is explored as students conduct perioperative counseling sessions on the basis of the ideal "perioperative dialogue model". Students collect data when meeting patients and through current medical records. Students plan, carry out, evaluate, and document the patient's perioperative care process in cooperation with the patient and next-of-kin. Qualitative research in perioperative nursing is studied on the basis of evidence and possibilities and obstacles for implementation in clinical practice. In the nursing of patients and dealing with next-of-kin, the students adopt an ethical approach, maintain professional skills, and respect patient dignity and diversity.

Students develop professional skills in general as well as special theatre nursing together with the main and the professional supervisor. The focus during the clinical placement period is on topographical anatomy, surgery methodology, aseptics and hygiene, medical technology, and handling biological samples. To enhance understanding of other professional groups, the placement period includes one week in anesthesia nursing.

## **Reading List**

See separate document.

## **Examination**

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exam discussed in seminar, two individual computer-based exams, and clinical performance.

Students who have failed to obtain a Pass grade for the clinical placement period will be offered two new assessment opportunities as soon as circumstances permit.

Supplementary examination of the take-home exam is permitted if the result is close to the requirements for a Pass grade (only small revisions required). Additional material must be submitted within six days of notification. Only the additional material asked for by the teacher will be assessed in accordance with the assessment criteria, and if it does not reach the minimum level for a Pass, a grade of Fail will be reported.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical 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 learning outcomes. One of the grades Fail (U) or Pass (G) is awarded for 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 KMAD60 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course KMAD602.

Required course for the Specialist Nursing Programme: Theatre Care.

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

A student who, in the examiner's judgement, will fail to obtain a Pass grade for the practical placement component on the grounds of grave and unprofessional skills and conduct that may cause injury may be required to immediately discontinue the practical training. The discontinuation means that the examiner has failed the student. A student whose practical placement has been discontinued on the grounds of grave and unprofessional skills and conduct may not retake the practical placement until the examiner has ascertained that the student has the knowledge and skills required to do so. The decision must be submitted in writing and clearly state the grounds for the discontinuation. An individual study plan is then drawn up and approved for the student, specifying the student's knowledge gaps and inadequate skills, the support offered to the student by the university, how the knowledge will be tested, and when the first test will take place. The student has the right to two practical placement periods to obtain a Pass grade.

As stipulated in the Higher Education Act Ch. 4, sect. 6, SFS 1992: 1434, and Regulations of Student Expulsion from Higher Education SFS 2007: 989, 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.