



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Oral Health

Syllabus

Oral health in a community perspective

Course Code: OHG019

Course Title: Oral health in a community perspective
Oral hälsa i ett samhällsperspektiv

Credits: 7.5

Degree Level: Undergraduate level

Progressive Specialisation: First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)

Major Field of Study:

OHA (Oral Health)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2025-08-29, and is valid from the Spring semester 2026 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

120 ECTS credits completed in the Dental Hygiene Programme, semesters 1-4, and registered for the courses Oral health prevention and treatment for different ages - Clinical studies III, 15 ECTS credits, and Ageing in theory and practice and with a focus on oral health, 15 ECTS credits

Learning Outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- give an account of oral health from social, socioeconomic, and gender equality perspectives, nationally and internationally,
- give an account of organisation and leadership in dentistry and the current and future role of the dental hygienist in the organisation,

- give an account of the significance of national and international policy documents for public health and their implications for dentistry,
- analyse the determining factors of oral health based on current research and in relation to the health promotion work carried out by the dental hygienist.

Competence and skills

- independently demonstrate suggestions for the implementation and evaluation of oral health promotion based on an international sustainability goal.

Judgement and approach

- independently consider ethical aspects with a holistic view of human beings and a special focus on human rights when planning health promotion efforts, and
- reflect upon and make comparisons in the field of oral health nationally and internationally in relation to sustainable development.

Content

- Societal perspectives
- National and international policy documents
- Global sustainability goals
- National guidelines for dentistry
- Determining factors for oral health
- Oral health nationally and internationally
- Human rights
- Gender equality
- Health promotion
- Ethics
- Sustainable development
- Social status
- Socioeconomics
- Organisation and leadership

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on a written group report, an individual hand-in assignment presented in a seminar, and seminar discussion.

Submissions for assessment must clearly indicate individual contributions.

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 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.

If there are international collaborations, certain parts of the course may be taught in English.