



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Oral Health

Syllabus

Oral health, complex treatment needs and vulnerable groups - clinical studies IV

Course Code:	OHG020
Course Title:	Oral health, complex treatment needs and vulnerable groups - clinical studies IV <i>Oral hälsa, komplexa behandlingsbehov och utsatta grupper - kliniska studier IV</i>
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 2022-09-12, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2022 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

150 ECTS credits completed in the Dental Hygiene Programme, semesters 1-5, and registered for the courses Degree project in oral health, 15 ECTS credits, and Oral health in a community perspective, 7.5 ECTS credits

Learning Outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- give an account of different areas within specialist dentistry,

- describe the concepts vulnerable groups and disability in relation to human rights in the context of dentistry,
- give an account of the role of the dental hygienist and teamwork with other professional groups in relation to complex treatment needs and vulnerable groups of patients,
- independently summarise routines and responsibilities as regards referral procedures in dentistry and healthcare,
- give an account of the concept participatory decision-making and what it means in dentistry,

Competence and skills

- suggest individual treatment planning and perform treatments on patients suffering from complex general and oral conditions, including either caries, periodontal, or peri-implant disease,
- independently plan and issue referrals in the area of competence of the dental hygienist,
- apply strategies for participatory decision-making in their work with patients,

Judgement and approach

- assess societal and economic aspects of oral health among vulnerable groups,
- demonstrate the ability to justify holistic assessments of relevant treatment based on science, ethics, and the specific needs of each patient,
- reflect upon how victims of violence can be identified in dentistry and treated professionally and with respect, and
- reflect upon their own needs for further knowledge and life-long learning.

Content

- clinical placement (VFU), general dentistry
- auscultation, specialist dentistry
- individual treatment planning
- referral procedures
- teamwork
- participatory decision-making
- ethics
- vulnerable groups
- dental care benefits
- domestic violence
- human rights
- disability
- societal aspects
- national guidelines for dental care

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on:

- A seminar
- Individual clinical examination

For a passing grade, attendance and participation in the clinical placement (VFU), the auscultation in specialist dentistry, and a presentation in a patient seminar at Akademisk Folk tandvårdsklinik (AFK) are mandatory. The number of assessment opportunities is limited to two.

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.

The clinical placement (VFU) and AFK may incur extra travel and accommodation costs for students. Students have to receive and pay for any and all vaccines required for clinical work.

The examiner may, with immediate effect, interrupt a student's clinical education if the student demonstrates such serious deficiencies in knowledge, skills, or approach that patient safety or patient confidence in dental care is at risk. If education is interrupted in this way, the student is deemed to have failed the course in question. In such cases, an individual action plan should be set up stating what activities and tests are required before the student is qualified for clinical education on the course and future clinical courses.