



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology  
Oral Health

## Syllabus

### Ageing in theory and practice and with a focus on oral health

<b>Course Code:</b>	OHG117
<b>Course Title:</b>	Ageing in theory and practice and with a focus on oral health <i>Åldrande i teori och praktik och med fokus på oral hälsa</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Undergraduate level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	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 2022-02-24, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2022 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

Higher Education Diploma in Dental Hygiene, 120 ECTS credits

#### Learning Outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

- describe theories of ageing and give an account of current research in geriatric dentistry,
- give an account of the significance of the general health and well-being of the elderly person in relation to oral health and from a life cycle perspective,

- give an account of healthy normal ageing processes and oral changes in elderly patients
- give an account of the significance of collaboration with other professions regarding the oral health of elderly persons
- explain the legal framework that regulates dental care benefits,

#### Competence and skills

- suggest and carry out health-promoting activities to address the expected oral health-related needs of an ageing population,
- identify oral diseases and their causes, and suggest prevention and treatment measures in geriatric dentistry based on the expertise of the dental hygienist,
- plan and carry out outreach activities,

#### Judgement and approach

- reflect upon their own values in relation to the treatment of elderly patients, next-of-kin, and other groups,
- reflect upon the role of the dental hygienist when working with elderly patients in terms of ethical, intercultural, and societal aspects and with regard to human rights, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify their own needs for further knowledge and continuously develop their own competence in geriatric dentistry.

#### **Content**

- Ageing, health, and well-being
- Life cycle perspective
- Human rights
- Ethics and ethical treatment
- Intercultural and societal aspects
- Transprofessional collaboration
- Health-promoting efforts and prevention
- Gerodontics
- Domestic violence
- Palliative dentistry
- Dental care benefits
- Outreach activities
- ROAG (Revised Oral Health Assessment Guide)
- Prosthetics

#### **Reading List**

See separate document.

#### **Examination**

Assessment is based on

- Individual oral presentations
- Written hand-in assignments, completed individually and in groups
- Seminars

The number of assessment opportunities is limited to five.

Attendance is mandatory for outreach activities.

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