



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences  
Nursing Science

### Syllabus

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 27 February 2012, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2012 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** OMA117

**Advanced course in assessment and intervention of different symptoms, 7.5 ECTS Credits**  
(Fördjupningskurs i bedömning och behandling av olika symtom, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

**Degree Level:** Master

**Progressive Specialisation:** A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

#### Language of Instruction

Swedish

#### Prerequisites

Courses totaling 60 ECTS cr at Bachelor level in nursing and health care programmes or equivalent plus upper secondary level Swedish B/B2 and English A.

#### Major Field of Study

OMA (Nursing Science)

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- evaluate different theoretical models for understanding symptom experience,
- critically review methods for assessing symptoms,
- motivate relevant interventions related to different dimensions of symptoms
- systematically compile evidence for assessment of symptoms.

#### Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures, literature study, group work and seminar.

The course integrates nursing (5.5 ECTS cr) and medical science (2 ECTS cr) in instruction and examination:

Explanatory models for understanding symptom experience

Models for managing symptoms

Assessment instruments and other methods for symptom assessment

Evidence-based nursing in relation to symptoms.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

#### Examination

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exam which is presented at a seminar.

#### Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), or Distinction (VG) 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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

#### Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

#### Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

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.

Elective course for the Nursing Programme.

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