



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 7 May 2012, and is valid from the Spring semester of 2013 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: OMA125

Palliative Care, 7.5 ECTS Credits

(Palliativ vård, 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

At least 60 ECTS cr undergraduate level studies in nursing and health care or equivalent plus upper secondary school 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:

- extract and explain the characteristic principles of palliative care philosophy,
- describe how palliative care philosophy can be implemented in different forms of care,
- identify and analyse common symptoms in palliative care,
- motivate relevant measures related to the patient's physical, mental, social, existential and cultural needs,
- identify needs and evaluate the importance of talking with the patient and next-of-kin in the different stages of palliative care,
- identify and analyse ethical dilemmas in palliative care.

Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of introductory lectures, literature studies, skills training, groupwork and seminar.

The course integrates nursing (5.5. ECTS cr) and medical science (2 ECTS cr) in course components and examination.

Palliative care philosophy

- palliative care forms and organisation
- symptoms in palliative care
- symptom alleviation measures and complementary and medical treatment
- ethics and communication
- laws, regulations and guidelines.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is individual and in the form of a take-home exam discussed in a seminar.

Grades

One of the grades Fail (U), Pass (G), or Distinction (VG) is awarded in the examination of the course. Assessment criteria for the grade of Distinction are specified in the study guide.

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.

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