



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Nursing Science

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Health, Science and Technology on 6 March 2014, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2014 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: OMA312

Degree project - Primary Health Care, 15.0 ECTS Credits

(Examensarbete med inriktning mot distriktssköterskans verksamhetsområde, 15.0 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1E (Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits))

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Admission to a Specialist Nursing Programme, alt. a Specialist Nursing Degree 60 ECTS cr including a degree project of at least 15 ECTS cr corresponding to Bachelor's Degree in Health Care or equivalent, and Research Method, 7.5 ECTS cr at first-year Master level, or equivalent.

Major Field of Study

OMA (Nursing Science)

Learning Outcomes

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

- identify problem areas and formulate research questions in nursing,
- perform systematic database searches,
- critically review and evaluate research in nursing,
- choose an adequate method, and perform data collection and data analysis in the appropriate way,
- reflect on and assess research and development work in terms of research ethical principles,
- discuss and assess research areas of relevance to nursing nationally and internationally,
- systematise knowledge in a chosen research area of relevance to the primary health care nurse with a focus on nursing,
- assess the importance of research works in relation to nursing,
- produce written scientific texts,
- defend and critically discuss works of science.

Content and Form of Instruction

Instruction is in the form of literature study, supervision and seminars. Supervision is provided individually, in pairs, or in a group and may be net-based or in connection with on-campus meetings. Supervision is always provided individually in the final phase.

The degree project is a scientific study with clear relevance to nursing in primary health care and is carried out as a systematic literature study or as an empirical study. The project can form part of an ongoing research project on nursing at the university concerned, other university or in the practical field of nursing.

At the beginning of the course, students are given a general introduction to the degree project. Students draw up a project plan on the basis of their chosen research areas and information searches in databases. The project plan must include a description of a chosen research method and ethical considerations. The degree project is carried out as a work structured on the research process. Defending and reviewing written works and participating in a further two seminars at Master's level in nursing or related subjects are course requirements.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an independently written degree project presented and discussed at a seminar and on performance as a peer reviewer.

Supplementary revision of the degree project is permitted if the result is close to the requirements for a Pass grade. Additional material must be submitted within three weeks of notification. If the time limit is not observed, a Fail grade will be recorded.

Students who have earlier completed an independent degree project 15 ECTS cr in nursing/equivalent area at Master's level can apply for credit transfer. If the project does not meet the requirements for a specialist nursing degree in primary health care, the student is expected to write an independent work, 3 ECTS cr.

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 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

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 course OMA312 cannot be included in the same degree project as the courses OMAD69, OMAD07 or OMA302

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.

Required course for the Specialist nursing programme: Primary Health Care

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