



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology  
Nursing Science

## Syllabus

### Degree project - Intensive Care

<b>Course Code:</b>	OMA503
<b>Course Title:</b>	Degree project - Intensive Care <i>Examensarbete med inriktning mot intensivvård</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	15
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits) (A1E)

**Major Field of Study:**  
OMA (Nursing Science)

#### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2017-09-14, and is valid from the Spring semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

#### Prerequisites

Admission to a Specialist Nursing Programme, or Specialist Nursing Degree 60 ECTS cr, including a degree project of at least 15 ECTS cr, corresponding to a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing or equivalent, and research methods, 7.5 ECTS cr at Master's level, or equivalent.

#### Learning Outcomes

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

- identify problem areas and formulate research questions in nursing, and choose an adequate method in relation to the research problem/aim
- review and assess research in nursing,
- apply, present and discuss the chosen method, data collection and data analysis,
- apply and assess research ethical principles,
- systematise knowledge in the chosen research area of relevance to intensive care nursing,
- produce written research texts,
- present and critically discuss the conclusions and the knowledge generated by the study and identify the need of further knowledge, orally and in writing,
- discuss research studies in terms of scientific, social and ethical aspects,
- defend, review and discuss research studies.

#### Content

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

The degree project is a research study with clear relevance to intensive care nursing and is carried out as a systematic literature study or as an empirical study.

Students draw up a project plan on the basis of their chosen research area and information searches in databases. The project plan includes a description of a chosen research method and ethical considerations. The degree project is carried out as a written work structured on the research process.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on an independently written degree project defended and discussed at a seminar. Students are also required to serve as a peer reviewer of a fellow-student's degree project.

Supplementary revision of the degree project is permitted if the result is close to the requirements for a Pass grade. Additional material according to instruction must be submitted within 15 workdays of notification.

The number of assessment opportunities for a Pass grade is limited to five.

Students who have earlier completed an independent degree project 15 ECTS cr in nursing/equivalent at Master's level can apply for credit transfer. If the project does not meet the requirements for a specialist nursing degree in intensive care, the student is required to perform an independent written project, 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**

The course OMA503 cannot be included in the same degree programme as OMAD68 and OMAD08. The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

Required course for the Specialist Nursing Programme: Intensive Care

If the time limit (15 workdays) for supplementary submission is not observed, a Fail grade will be recorded.

Supervision is provided for the course duration. Students who fail to earn a Pass grade within the time specified may receive further supervision for a limited period (max 6 months).