



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology  
Nursing Science

# Syllabus

## The profession of theatre nurse

<b>Course Code:</b>	OMA601
<b>Course Title:</b>	The profession of theatre nurse <i>Operationssjuksköterskans profession</i>
<b>Credits:</b>	7.5
<b>Degree Level:</b>	Master's level
<b>Progressive Specialisation:</b>	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

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

### Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2019-11-04, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2019 at Karlstad University.

### Prerequisites

A nursing licence issued by the National Board for Health and Welfare

A nursing degree (180 ECTS credits) including a degree project of at least 15 ECTS credits, or a Bachelor degree in nursing, or equivalent.

One year work experience as a full-time licensed nurse.

Upper secondary level Swedish 3 or Swedish as a second language 3 and English 6, or equivalent.

This course can also be offered as contract education, employer selected.

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course the student should be able to:

- describe the history and development of operating theatre nursing,
- describe the responsibility and function of the operating theatre nurse and relate to current regulations,

- identify and compare different scientific paradigms in the field,
- identify and reflect upon research ethical issues and considerations,
- describe and analyse quantitative research data and evaluate reliability and validity, and
- give an account of basic topographic anatomy.

### **Content**

The course integrates nursing 3.75 ECTS cr and medical science 3.75 ECTS cr.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, literature study, group assignments, and field studies. The course is offered as full-time distance education. Students study individually and in groups, as well as at on-campus meetings. The course is based on blending learning principles.

Students study the historical and professional development of the theatre nurse by performing systematic literature searches and reviewing literature in the field. In their field studies, students conduct an interview with a theatre nurse with a focus on responsibility and function, thus identifying the professional paradigm in relation to theoretical concepts. Research ethical issues and considerations are discussed in relation to legislation and regulations relevant to nursing research. On the basis of perioperative care research, quantitative research methods are analysed in terms of purpose, design, data collection, statistical methods of analysis, as well as reliability and validity. Topographical anatomy is introduced and streamed lectures are provided through the virtual learning environment.

### **Reading List**

See separate document.

### **Examination**

Assessment is based on a group take-home exam (3-4 students) which is presented orally in a mandatory follow-up seminar on campus, and an individual digital exam completed within a given time limit.

Supplementary examination is permitted if the result is close to the requirements for a Pass grade and only minor revision is required. Additional material must be submitted within six days of notification. Only the revision that the teacher asked for is assessed at this time, in accordance with the assessment criteria for the exam, and an insufficient revision will result in a Fail grade.

If students have a decision from Karlstad University entitling them to special pedagogical 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 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 KMAD58 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the course OMA601.

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: Theatre Care.