



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Nursing Science

Syllabus

Nursing profession, clinical competence and leadership

Course Code:	OMG008
Course Title:	Nursing profession, clinical competence and leadership <i>Sjuksköterskans profession, kliniska kompetens och ledarskap</i>
Credits:	15
Degree Level:	Undergraduate level
Progressive Specialisation:	First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (G2F)

Major Field of Study:
OMA (Nursing Science)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Health, Science and Technology 2018-03-09, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Fundamentals of Nursing and the Nursing Profession 30 ECTS cr, Basic Clinical Nursing 30 ECTS cr, Nursing in Relation to Symptoms and Signs of Illness 37.5 ECTS cr, Nursing in Relation to Acute Situations 7.5 ECTS cr, and attended course Nursing in Longterm Illness and Multimorbidity 30 ECTS cr, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

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

Knowledge and understanding

1. describe and give arguments for organisation and leadership theories in health care,
2. evaluate patient safety to initiate quality improvement in health care,

Competence and skills

3. apply knowledge of nursing and medical science in planning individual care according to the principles of nursing practice,
4. lead, prioritise and allocate tasks in the care of patients with multimorbidity or other serious illness,
5. explain and evaluate the importance of learning for organising nursing in interprofessional teams,

Judgement and approach

6. assess and give arguments for their nursing competence in interprofessional teams,
7. give arguments for the importance of reflection to personal and professional growth, and assess the importance of an ethical approach in relation to others.

Content

The course centres on the profession, clinical competence and leadership of the nurse.

Instruction is in the form of introductory and specialised lectures, seminars, skills training, simulation, individual assignments, reflective discussions, group work and portfolio assignments.

The course integrates nursing 10 ECTS cr, medical science 3 ECTS cr. and social and behavioural science 2 ECTS cr, and includes clinical placement 7.5 ECTS cr.

Theories of organisation and leadership

- Leadership and communication
- Managing conflicts
- Groups and group processes
- Health economics nationally and internationally
- Priorities and allocation of resources
- Health and safety in the workplace

Improvement efforts

- Measuring iatrogenic harm
- Patient safety
- Quality indicators
- Sustainable development
- Anomaly and incident analysis

Nursing and medical science

- Principles of the nursing practice in depth
- Evidence and experience based knowledge of longterm illness and/or multimorbidity
- Lead och allocate nursing duties in different situations

Interprofessional team

- Collaboration and communication in teams
- Interprofessional learning
- Instruction to colleagues and students

Reflective discussion

- Deepening and application of the consensus concept
- Ethical considerations
- Deepening of core competence
- Legislation, ordinances and directives

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is continuous and based on various examination formats, such as take-home exams, oral group presentation and the Final Clinical Examination for the nursing degree. In addition, assessment includes a competence exam and simulation. Assessment is based on the principle of progression, which means that previous study components may be included.

Students who fail to obtain a Pass mark in an exam/assessment have at least two re-take opportunities within one year of the scheduled assessment. Student who fail to obtain a Pass mark for the clinical training component will be offered two new assessment opportunities as soon as circumstances permit.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) 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 local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

The course OMG008 cannot be included in the same degree programme as the courses BMGAB0 (biomedicine 30 ECTS cr), PSAG09 (Health Psychology 7.5 RECTS cr) and OMGA10 (Nursing 30 ECTS cr).

Students should complete their studies according to the curriculum in force at the time of their admission.

A student who, in the examiner's judgement, will fail to obtain a Pass grade for the practical training component on the grounds of grave and unprofessional conduct may be required to immediately discontinue the placement.

As stipulated in the Higher Education Act Chapter 2, sect. 6, SFS 1992: 1434, and Regulations of Student Expulsion from Higher Education SFS 1987: 915, a student who suffers from mental disorder, abuses alcohol or drugs, or has been guilty of a serious offence endangering others or valuable property can be expelled until further notice. In such a case, the Rector files a complaint to the Expulsion Board of Higher Education, which investigates the matter and makes a decision. A decision of expulsion shall always entail that the student must discontinue the education until further notice. The Expulsion Board of Higher Education is responsible for all Swedish higher education institutions.