



Faculty of Health, Science and Technology
Nursing Science

Syllabus

Palliative Care

Course Code:	OMG124
Course Title:	Palliative Care <i>Palliativ vård</i>
Credits:	7.5
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 2019-09-19, and is valid from the Spring semester 2020 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

At least 60 ECTS credits completed at the first-cycle level in a nursing and health care programme, or equivalent

Learning Outcomes

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

- identify and describe how palliative care philosophy can be implemented in different context of care,
- identify and describe common symptoms in palliative care,
- describe and suggest relevant interventions related to the patient's physical, mental, social, existential, and cultural needs,
- identify needs and reflect upon the importance of dialogue with the patient and next-of-kin in the different phases of palliative care, and

- identify and reflect upon ethical dilemmas in palliative care.

Content

Instruction is in the form of introductory lectures, literature studies, skills training, group exercises, and seminars.

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 relief interventions and complementary and medical treatment
- ethics and communication - dialogue exercises
- laws, regulations, and guidelines

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exam discussed in a seminar.

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 local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.