



Faculty of Social and Life Sciences
Social Work

Syllabus

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Social and Life Sciences on 12 March 2014, and is valid from the Autumn semester of 2014 at Karlstad University.

Course Code: SMAM07

Treatment Service in Drug Addiction Care, 7.5 ECTS Credits
(Behandlingsarbete inom missbruksvård, 7.5 Swedish credit points)

Degree Level: Master

Progressive Specialisation: A1N (Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

Language of Instruction

Swedish

Prerequisites

Upper secondary school level Swedish 3 or B, or Swedish as a second language 3 or B and English 6 or B, or equivalent, plus either

- social work programme 150 ECTS course credits (SGGEN),
- professional degree in social work/social care, or
- Bachelor's degree in social work/social care

Major Field of Study

SAA (Social Work)

Learning Outcomes

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

- describe and explain how alcohol and narcotics abuse have become a social problem and the object of legislation and societal interventions,
- critically reflect on occupational roles, power and ethics in working with addicts including an intersectional perspective and client participation,
- demonstrate deepened knowledge of investigative tasks, exercise of authority, and intervention methods in drug addiction care services,
- give an account of and methods, instruments and techniques used in efforts to detect, investigate and assess in addiction care services,
- give an account of evidence-based methods and current research and development of relevance to the field.

Content and Form of Instruction

The aim of the course is that students deepen their knowledge of investigation and treatment in the area of drug abuse. Addiction and abuse is presented in an historical, cultural and social perspective. Students acquire knowledge of approaches, power and ethics in investigation and treatment. Empowerment and client participation are discussed in interaction with client organisations. Students deepen their knowledge of the exercise of authority by reviewing investigations and court verdicts under the Social Services Act and the Care of Alcoholics and Drug Abusers Act. Evaluation instruments and methods in current abuser care are presented

as is evidence-based practice and its influence in the field. Current research and development with a focus on treatment are discussed in seminars.

Instruction is in the form of lectures, laborative sessions with a focus on investigation, group exercises and seminars.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exam, presented and discussed in a mandatory seminar and on active participation in two laboratory sessions and two group exercises.

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 assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the 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 local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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