



Faculty of Arts and Social Science
Social Work

Syllabus

Treatment Service in Drug Addiction Care

Course Code:	SMAM07
Course Title:	Treatment Service in Drug Addiction Care <i>Behandlingsarbete inom missbruksvård</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

Major Field of Study:
SAA (Social Work)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Science 2016-03-07, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2016 at Karlstad University.

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

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, and
- give an account of evidence-based methods and current research and development of relevance to the field.

Content

The aim of the course is that students deepen their knowledge of investigation and treatment in the area of drug abuse. Addiction and abuse are 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. Campus meetings are in the form of lectures with group discussions.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on an individual take-home exams, active participation in seminars and a written exam.

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.

If the course is offered as distance education, students need a computer with internet access.