

VMFN70, Independent Study in Nursing with Special Focus - Degree Project, 7.5 credits

*Självständigt fördjupningsarbete inom omvårdnad med särskild
inriktning (examensarbete), 7,5 högskolepoäng*
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus is an old version, approved by Board of Health Sciences Education on 2012-12-06 and was valid from 2013-01-21, spring semester 2013.

General Information

The course is a specialisation course in the Postgraduate Diploma programme in Specialist Nursing available to students who can transfer credits from part of a one-year Master's degree project course. The course complies with the guidelines of the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100 with later amendments).

Language of instruction: Swedish
Some components may be in English.

Main field of studies

Nursing Science

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Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

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Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

- identify a problem area with clinical relevance to the specialisation concerned from the perspective of current research and development

- formulate relevant and structured clinical research issues and critically use published research

Competence and skills

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

- systematically seek existing research results and subject them to quality review, assessment, interpretation, compilation and application
- relate research results to clinical experience as a basis for decisions about nursing interventions
- present the specialisation assignment to non-experts
- -use reflection, quality assessment and peer review to evaluate their own assignments and those of others

Judgement and approach

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

- make relevant assessments informed by a holistic view of the human being and taking disciplinary, gender equality, intercultural and ethical aspects on research and development into account
- identify their need of further knowledge and present proposals for continuing professional development.

Course content

Relevant specialisation within the subject area

Evidence review

Compilation of evidence-reviewed material

Research ethics considerations

Course design

The teaching and learning activities are designed so as to enable students to develop a specialised understanding and are characterised by an active search for knowledge, problem solving, reflection and critical analysis. Among the work methods used are independent study, learning activities in groups, seminars and lectures.

Assessment

The numbers of the forms of examination correspond to the numbers of the subjects examined above.

1. Composition of a specialisation assignment, written, individually and/or in groups (of two)
2. Completed active attendance at seminars, individual
3. Oral presentation and defence individually and in groups
4. Review of another specialisation assignment, written and/or oral

At re-examination, individual examination may replace group examination.

One examination and two opportunities to retake the examination are arranged for each subject examined. Students who do not achieve a pass on any of these occasions will be able to retake the examination on a later occasion. There are six opportunities for re-examination of each subject examined. A student who has failed an examination six times must discontinue his or her studies.. A student who has failed an examination on a course twice is entitled to request that another examiner be appointed by the programme director.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass.

Grades are set for a completed course. One of the grades Pass or Fail is awarded.

A student who has passed a course will be given a certificate to that effect by the higher education institution, on request.

Entry requirements

- Registered nurse with at least 180 credits including a degree project of 15 credits or the equivalent
- Professional experience corresponding to at least one year as a registered nurse
- Passed courses within the specialist nursing programme amounting to at least 30 credits or the equivalent

Subcourses in VMFN70, Independent Study in Nursing with Special Focus - Degree Project

Applies from V13

- 1201 In-depth Paper, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1202 Working Seminars, 0,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1203 Defence of Master Thesis, 0,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass
- 1204 Act as an Opponent for another Thesis, 0,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, Pass