



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CARE SCIENCES

OM3203 Multicultural encounters and intercultural communication in health care, 7.5 higher education credits

Världen i vården och vården i världen - mångkulturella möten och interkulturell kommunikation i hälso- och sjukvård, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Committee for Study Programmes in Health Care Sciences on 2012-04-16 and was last revised on 2016-10-06 by Institute of Health and Care Sciences to be valid from 2017-08-28, autumn semester of 2017.

Field of education: Medicine 100%

Department: Department of Health and Care Sciences

Position in the educational system

The course is common for the Sahlgrenska Academy at University of Gothenburg and can be included as an elective course in each degree program or as a separate course.

Main field of studies

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Specialization

AXX, Second cycle, in-depth level of the course cannot be classified

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires 90 higher education credits in the health sciences education, or vocational degree in the health sciences educational area at the time of application.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course the student is expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- discuss and relate different models of explanation regarding health and illness to various contexts
- problematize how people's experiences and interpretations of health, illness and care may interact in different cultural and social contexts

Skills and abilities

- argue for the importance of carers' socio-cultural awareness in encounters with patients and their relatives
- argue for the importance of in-depth knowledge of intercultural communication in healthcare encounters
- critically review literature for further development of knowledge within the subject area

Judgement and approach

- critically reflect upon their own attitudes and prejudices when meeting people of different socio-cultural backgrounds
- critically reflect upon different aspects of identity/-ies such as ethnicity, age, gender and how they may affect perceptions of health and illness

Course content

The concept of culture and socio-cultural aspects of health, illness and care in a national and global perspective

Migration and refugee hood

Cultural encounters, intersectionality and intercultural communication related to health care

Form of teaching

Language of instruction: English

The course is a campus education. The main teaching methods are lectures, seminars, workshops and practical exercises.

Assessment

Examination is written and oral, individual as well as in groups and in seminars.

In order to pass, approved group assignments and active participation in all seminars, workshops and practical exercises is required. Number of examination occasions is limited to five. Students have the right to change examiner after having failed twice on the same examination, if practicable. Such a request shall be directed to the institute

and made in writing. Assessment criteria are specified in the study guide.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass (G) and Fail (U).

Course evaluation

Course evaluation is made in writing by using the Sahlgrenska Academy common course evaluation and verbally in dialogue with students. Course coordinator compiles an analysis of course evaluation and provide suggestions for the development of the course. Analysis and suggestions will be commented to the students and published on the University's Learning Management System, GUL.

Additional information

The course is based on an internal logic in which learning objectives, learning activities and assessment forms constitutes a continuous learning process.