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

Second Cycle

Approval
The course syllabus was approved by the Programme Committee for Care Sciences on 16 April 2012 and was last revised on 15 October 2015 by the Institute of Health and Care Sciences. The revised syllabus applies from 18 January 2016, spring term 2016.

Subject: Medical 100%
Responsible department: Institute of Health and Care Sciences

Course affiliation
The course is common to Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg and may be included as an elective course in the Nursing Programme and the Pharmacy Programme or as a stand-alone course for students who have been accepted to one of Sahlgrenska Academy’s academic programmes.

Main field of study
- Advanced studies
  AXX, Second cycle, course that cannot be classified

Prerequisites
Admission to the course requires 90 higher education credits in the health sciences subject area, or a professional qualification in the health sciences subject area at the time of application.
Objectives
After completing the course, students should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

• discuss and associate different explanatory models of health and illness with various contexts
• problematise the interactions of people’s background and upbringing in different cultural and social contexts with experiences and interpretations of health, illness and medical care

Skills and abilities

• defend the importance of socio-cultural awareness among caregivers in interactions with patients and their families
• defend the importance of in-depth knowledge of intercultural communication in care-related interactions
• critically review literature that can support the continued development of knowledge in the field

Attitude and capacity for evaluation

• critically reflect on their own attitudes and biases in interactions with people of various socio-cultural backgrounds
• critically reflect on the different aspects of identity/identities, such as ethnicity, age and gender and how they influence experiences of health and illness

Contents
Cultural concepts and socio-cultural aspects of health, illness and care in a national and global perspective
Immigration and refugees
Cultural encounters, intersectionality and intercultural communication related to health and medical care

Forms of instruction

Language of instruction: English
This course is held on campus. Teaching is primarily in the form of lectures, seminars, workshops and practical exercises.

Forms of assessment
Assessments are written and oral, individually and in groups, and in seminar form. To receive a passing grade requires passing the group assignments and active participation in all
seminars, workshops and practical exercises. Students may not sit an examination more than five times. Students who fail the same examination twice have the right to a change of examiner, if practically possible. The request must be made in writing to the department. Assessment criteria are specified in the study guide.

**Grade**

Students studying this course will be awarded one of the following grades – Pass (Godkänd, G) or Fail (Underkänd, U).

**Course evaluation**

Course evaluations are conducted in writing via a course evaluation and orally in dialogue with students. The course director compiles an analysis of the course evaluations and provides suggestions for improving the course. The analysis and suggestions are reported to students and published on the University of Gothenburg’s learning platform, GUL.

**Other**

The course is constructed according to an inner logic in which the learning outcomes, learning activities and assessments form a cohesive learning process.