

Syllabus for **Course in Diaconic Work, 5 credits**

Constitution of the course of studies

This course syllabus was approved by the Board of the Department for Diacony and Theology, Ersta-Sköndal University College on December 15, 2005. The course forms part of the Church of Sweden lay welfare worker training carried out by Ersta-Sköndal University College in co-operation with Vårsta Diaconic Centre.

Educational objectives

On completion of the course the student shall have

- acquired practice in the application of the methodological tools employed in diaconic work
- engaged in the critical study of approaches to diaconic work as a profession
- acquired an insight into leadership tasks from a diaconic perspective
- through inventory acquired experience in diaconic fieldwork
- summarized the acquired theoretical and practical knowledge in a personal plan of action for diaconic work.

Course content

The course is intended to impart knowledge of work group development and team building along with the various leadership roles in the parish and in the diaconic work. The course also gives a basic orientation in voluntary diaconic work. There is further thorough discussion and analysis of the field studies carried out by the students during the year.

Methods of instruction

Instruction is in the form of lectures, textbook seminars, group work, and field studies.

Examination

The course is examined through written documentation and oral presentation of the summarizing personal plan of action for diaconic work.

Textbooks

- Alwall, Jonas (1991), "Kyrkfolket och diakonin", *Tro och tanke* (available at the course)
- Bromander, Jonas (2005), *Församlingens guide till omvärldsanalys* (chosen sections)
- Hesslefors Persson, K & Håkansson, R (2003), *Samarbete - Om kommunikation, ledarskap och konflikthantering*. Stockholm: Verbum.
- Holm, Ulla (1995), *Det räcker inte att vara snäll*. Stockholm: Natur och kultur
- Jeppsson Grassman, Eva (2001), *Socialt arbete i församlingens hägn* Stockholm: Verbum

Further material will be sold at the Department.