



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL



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High quality, innovative degree programmes of education and training in:

- » Diaconia
- » Nursing
- » Sign language interpreting
- » Social services
- » Youth work
- » From 2011: Community interpreting



Diak values are based on Christianity, therefore, we emphasise the human dignity of each person.

Diak is committed to social justice, solidarity and the empowerment of people.

We aim to train people to influence social change, work for a multicultural society and fight social exclusion.

Our challenges are the challenges of the contemporary society:

- Empowerment of the most vulnerable
- Multicultural society where everybody can feel accepted
- Enforcement of the social justice
- Empowerment of the developing regions, home and abroad
- Global equality between humans



Four units and seven campuses
nation-wide:

- Diak South (Helsinki, Järvenpää, Kauniainen),
- Diak East (Pieksämäki),
- Diak North (Oulu),
- Diak West (Pori, Turku)

Education

- High quality training of the professionals in the fields of social services and nursing
- Trainer and developer for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- International mobility of students, teachers and staff linked to education Asia, Africa and Europe

Research and Development

- Long-standing partnerships with universities and NGO's in Europe and developing countries
- International network in the research of Diaconia
- Three research programmes: Welfare state, Civil society and Church

- HEI system consists of universities and universities of applied sciences (UAS)
- Bologna process: two-cycle degree system with bachelor and master degrees, ECTS, Diploma supplement, national accreditation system
- UAS degree studies give a higher education qualification and practical professional skills. They comprise core and professional studies, elective studies and a final project. All degree studies include practical on-the-job learning.
- There are no tuition fees in degree education, and the Finnish students can apply for financial aid.
- BA studies is generally 210–240 study points (ECTS), which means 3.5 - 4 years of full-time study.
- The requirement for MA studies in UAS is a Bachelors' level UAS degree and at least three years of work experience. The UAS MA, which is 60-90 study points and takes 1.5-2 years, is equivalent to a university Master's in the labour market.



Diak South

Helsinki: Social Services and Nursing

Järvenpää: Social Services, Social Services taught in English

Kauniainen: Social Services

Diak East

Pieksämäki: Social Services and Nursing

Diak North

Oulu: Social Services and Nursing

Diak West

Pori: Social Services and Nursing

Turku: Sign Language Interpretation

New in 2011, Diak South and Diak West:

Bachelor degree programme in Community Interpreting

Total 3000 students, 300 staff

- Diak is the largest trainer in the social sector in Finland.
- Pedagogical principles include an open approach to learning, the use of flexible learning environments and intercultural interaction
- Diak is active in creating innovative contexts for learning, where education, research and regional development work can be combined
- Phenomena-based curriculum

- Diak offers a BA Programme in Social Services taught in English (DSS).
- The programme is designed to be open to Finnish and international students including adult students.
- Focus on community development work, option in diaconia
- Major challenges are the growth of social exclusion, the need to tackle discrimination and racism and to build society in diversity.
- European and international perspective
- Programme aims for the development of socially and economically sustainable communities.

- Several Erasmus partners (Student, teachers and staff, also placements)
- Active in NordDiakoni network
- 3 North-South-South projects (involved countries f. ex. Swaziland, Botswana, Nepal, Vietnam)
- Interdiac
- FIRST Cooperation networks with Russia
 - HENCCA, Higher Education Network for Civic and Cultural Activities

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