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Satakunta University of Applied Sciences
Admission Criteria for Programmes Tuitioned in English 2018

Bachelor’s Degree Programmes

Application periods

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK) has Bachelor’s degree programmes in two different application periods:

- Joint application to higher education in Finland, Application period 1, 9–24 January 2018 (the application period ends on 24 January 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time)
- Rolling admission to SAMK, Separate application, 9 January – 28 March 2018 (the application period ends on 28 March 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time)

Each programme is available only on either one of these application periods. Read carefully from the programme descriptions, during which application period you should apply to the programme that you prefer.

The difference between the application periods is that in the joint application you can apply to up to six different degree programmes in different universities and universities of applied sciences in Finland with one application and you’re required to select the programme options in an order of preference. In joint application students are selected according to their position in the selection order, which is given by their points in the entrance examination of each programme. The results of the student selection are given earliest in the beginning of May 2018.

In SAMK’s rolling admission you can apply with one application form to only one programme in SAMK: if you want to apply to more than one programme, you’re required to fill several application forms. In rolling admission student is selected if he/she is found eligible, fills the pre-determined criteria, i.e. an adequate result of an online exam, SAT test or Gao Kao exam, and possibly gives an accepted online interview after that. The result is given per applicant from the beginning of the application period within two weeks after the applicant has shown eligibility and adequate skills for studying.

If you’re offered a study place from these application periods or any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you’re allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in Autumn 2018 from a Finnish university or university of applied sciences

Eligibility for Bachelor’s degree programmes

Provisions on eligibility for universities of applied sciences are contained in the Polytechnics Act (932/2014).

You can apply to a Bachelor’s degree programme if you have completed:

- the Finnish general upper secondary school syllabus and/or the matriculation examination;
- an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma;
- a European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma;
- Reifeprüfung (RP) Diploma;
- a Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification with a scope of 120 credit units or 180 credit points, or a comparable previous Finnish vocational qualification with a minimum scope of 80 credit units;
• a Finnish post-secondary or higher vocational level diploma;
• a Finnish vocational upper secondary qualification or a further or specialist vocational qualifi-
cation as a competence-based qualification, or a comparable previous qualification; or
• foreign qualification that provides eligibility for higher education studies in the country in
question.

In the rolling admission of SAMK (9 January – 28 March 2018), the applicants from countries out-
side the European Union or the European Economic Area are required to show adequate skills in
English to be eligible for the degree programme. Language skills may be shown with the following
minimum certificate requirements:

• Cambridge ESOL’s Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), level C; or
• Cambridge ESOL’s Certificate in Advanced English (CAE), CEFR level C1; or
• Pearson test of English, Academic 51; or
• IELTS, academic level 5.5; or
• TOEFL 550 paper-based test/TOEFL 79 Internet-based test; or
• skills level 4 in a National Certificate of Language Proficiency test in all areas of the English
language, including reading comprehension, listening comprehension, speaking and writing
(see www.oph.fi/english > Services > National certificate of language proficiency (YKI)); or
• Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma (AICE) taken in Finland;
• Finnish matriculation examination: grade C in the advanced syllabus test in the English lan-
guage;
• IB Diploma: grade 4 in the advanced syllabus test in the English language;
• EB Diploma: grade 6.00–6.95 in the advanced syllabus test in the English language;
• RP Diploma: grade 7 in the advanced syllabus test in the English language; or
• an upper secondary level certificate or a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree completed in English
in the United Kingdom, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Australia or New Zealand as well
as a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country.

The language certificate must be valid during the application period. The Pearson test of English,
IELTS and TOEFL certificates are valid for two years. There are no limitations on the period of valid-
ity of the other certificates. A TOEFL test score will only be accepted if it has been directly submitted
from the TOEFL Educational Testing Service (ETS).
Bachelor’s Degree Programmes in the joint application

The first application period of joint application to higher education in Finland takes place from 9 January to 24 January, 2018. The application period ends on 24 January at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time.

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has two Bachelor’s degree programmes tuitioned in English in the joint application (1st application period, 9 – 24 January 2018):

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<td>Pori</td>
<td>Joint application I, spring 2018</td>
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<td>Pori</td>
<td>Joint application I, spring 2018</td>
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Proving eligibility in the joint application

Applicants must have completed the qualification used in the application procedure in time for a copy of the certificate to reach the relevant university of applied sciences by the deadline specified in advance following the publication of admission results (see the Schedule Appendix).

Applicants with a Finnish qualification certificate need not submit copies of their certificates, as only the certificates of those admitted as students will be checked. However, this does not apply to applicants who have taken the Finnish matriculation examination prior to 1990, as they will need to submit copies of their certificates to the admissions offices of the relevant universities of applied sciences by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix).

In order to prove their eligibility, applicants with a non-Finnish qualification certificate must submit a copy of the final certificate used as the basis for application by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the admissions office of the university of applied sciences marked as the first choice on their application form, which will then decide on each applicant’s eligibility for all UAS programmes they have selected. This is not applicable to applicants who complete their foreign qualification during the application period.

Those applying with an IB, EB or RP Diploma will need to submit certificate copies by a deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix).

In addition, each applicant must submit a copy of his or her qualification certificate translated into Finnish, Swedish or English by an official (authorised) translator if the original document is in none of these languages. Such translations must be signed and stamped by the translator. The translations must be submitted by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the admissions offices of the relevant universities of applied sciences. Only final qualification certificates can be accepted; no provisional or temporary certificates will be accepted.

A person with refugee status* or an asylum seeker may apply and be accepted to study in education just as any other eligible citizen of Finland or any other country.

If the applicant is a refugee, has status comparable to a refugee** or is an asylum seeker, and he or she cannot thus verify his or her previous degree with relevant documentation, the higher education institution may invite the applicant to take an entrance exam or, if necessary, submit the application for academic assessment. The higher education institution of the degree programme will use the report requested from the applicant as basis for making the decision on whether the documentation on the previous degree is sufficient.

The applicant must have a decision by the authorities concerning his or her status (decision on asylum or residence permit on the basis of protection). The applicant must submit a copy of the relevant
decision within a previously notified time limit to the admissions services of all the higher education institutions where he or she is applying (see appendix with timetables).

In order to declare his or her status, an asylum seeker who has not yet been granted a decision may verify his or her status by presenting an identity card with his or her photograph granted by Migri and, when required by the degree programme, a fee-based (€20) pending application by Migri that states that the applicant is permitted to legally reside in Finland during the time when his or her case is being processed, i.e. until a lawful decision has been made on the case.

*a person with refugee status i.e. asylum = Residence outside of one's country of origin or country of former habitual residence owing to a justified fear of being persecuted in the country concerned. The reason for persecution must be the person's origin, religion, nationality, membership in a certain social group, or political opinions. It is also assumed that because of the person's fear, he or she is unwilling to turn to the country concerned for protection.

**a person whose status is comparable to a refugee is a person provided with subsidiary protection = the person faces a risk of being subjected to the death penalty, execution, torture or other inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in his or her home country or country of former habitual residence. A permit may also be issued if the person is unable to return to his or her home country or country of former habitual residence without being exposed to serious and individual threat as a result of an armed conflict in the country concerned.

Admissions criteria in the joint application

In the joint application, SAMK uses only entrance examination points (selection method 1) in the student selection. Applicants are not given admission points by their previous school success or work experience.

If the criteria fail to produce a difference between tied applicants, SAMK admits all of the equally ranked applicants. SAMK may cancel admission if an applicant fails to submit qualification certificates by the specified deadline, or if an applicant has provided false information.

The maximum admission score is as follows:

**SELECTION METHOD 1: ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

Entrance examination 70 points

In cases of equal admission scores under selection method 1, applicants will be ranked on the following grounds:

1. entrance examination points
2. applicant’s first-choice programme on the application form.
3. over quota/under quota/drawing of lots

1.2.3 The student selection and the entrance examinations

All eligible applicants are invited to the entrance examination in Pori, Finland.

Student selection is done according to the selection method 1 (in the order of points given from the entrance examination). The applicant can get at most 70 points from the entrance examination, and
the required point minimum to pass the test is 30 points. Applicant has to complete all parts of the examination acceptably.

The entrance examination measures applicant’s motivation, social skills and learning and working skills. Accepted applicants are required to fill the health requirements of the field.

Those applying to study in the field of Health Care and Social Services must have a sufficient good health status and functional capacity to be capable of completing practical assignments and work placement periods as part of the studies. Information about health requirements in this field is available on UAS websites and on the Opintopolku.fi (Studyinfo.fi) service.

Those applying to the field should bear in mind that:

- studying and working in a profession of this field require good mental balance;
- the field is not suitable for illegal drug users or for alcohol or legal drug abusers;
- conditions such as musculoskeletal diseases, chronic skin diseases, allergies and mental health disorders may lead to health issues during studies or later on in working life;
- a blood-borne disease may restrict the progress of studies and employment;
- several operational units of social and health care treat patients that are exposed to infections, and work in those units requires that the staff’s immunisation is in order.

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences may cancel admission for the following reasons:

- an applicant fails to submit certificates by the deadline specified by the university of applied sciences
- an applicant has provided false information about his or her grades
- an applicant admitted to the Degree Programme in Biomedical Laboratory Science cannot be considered fit for the programme on the basis of a certificate of visual acuity
- it is obvious that the student, in terms of his or her health status and functional capacity, does not meet the admissions criteria (Polytechnics Act 932/2014)
- an applicant has concealed the cancellation of his or her prior study entitlement (Polytechnics Act 932/2014).

*Degree Programme in Physiotherapy*

*Degree Programme in Physiotherapy* organizes entrance examination on 19-20 April 2018 (1-day exam for each applicant). The examination cannot be replaced with any other entrance examination or test result, and the examination result doesn’t replace any other examination result. All eligible applicants are invited to the examination in Pori. The result is valid only in the application round of Spring 2018.

For student selection, the applicants are divided to two applicant groups according to their background education. The study places are reserved for the applicant groups as follows:

- Applicant group A: applicants with Finnish background education, 10 study places
- Applicant group B: applicants with foreign background education, 10 study places

If applicant has completed both Finnish and foreign background education, he/she belongs to the applicant group A.

Possible student selection for reserve places is done separately for both applicant groups. If either group runs out of applicants eligible for admission before the study places are full, the free study places are filled from the other applicant group.

*Degree Programme in Nursing*
Degree Programme in Nursing organizes entrance examination on 19-20 April 2018 (1-day exam for each applicant). The examination cannot be replaced with any other entrance examination or test result, and the examination result doesn’t replace any other examination result. All eligible applicants are invited to the examination in Pori. The result is valid only in the application round of Spring 2018.

Student selection and possible student selection for reserve places is completed without applicant groups in the order of entrance examination points.

Applying through discretionary admission

Satakunta University of Applied sciences doesn’t use discretionary admission for its degree programmes.

Evidence of language proficiency as part of admissions

Finnish language test

Satakunta University of Applied sciences doesn’t organise a Finnish language test or require result of any Finnish language test for admission.

English language proficiency

Excellent skills in English are required for success in degree programmes provided in English. The applicants’ language proficiency is assessed in the entrance examination.

Accessible student admission – special arrangements for entrance examinations

An applicant may submit a separate application to request the right to special arrangements for taking an entrance examination. The same application form is used by all higher education institutions, and it can be found on the website of each institution. The application should indicate the types of special arrangements being requested and the grounds for the request. The applicant should enclose copies of the certificates to which he or she makes appeal.

Please note: Documents verifying dyslexia must have been issued within the last 5 (five) years. In addition, documents verifying a permanent disability, illness or learning disability must have been issued within the last 5 (five) years. The period of validity of other documents will be decided case-by-case.

In cases where an issue entitling an applicant to special arrangements already exists during the application period, an application for special arrangements for entrance examinations must be submitted by the common deadline decided by the universities of applied sciences (see the Schedule Appendix). The applicant must submit a separate application to each university of applied sciences to which he or she has submitted an application. A university of applied sciences may provide additional instructions, for example related to two-stage admissions. The application should be submitted to the admissions offices of the relevant higher education institutions.

If an issue entitling an applicant to special arrangements emerges or is identified between the end of the application period and the entrance examination date, the applicant must submit an application
for special arrangements to the admissions offices of each university of applied sciences arranging the entrance examinations that he or she intends to take without delay. A university of applied sciences may deny an applicant the right to special arrangements if such arrangements are impossible to implement, for example because of schedule-related reasons.

Decisions on special arrangements for entrance examinations are specific to each programme choice and a decision is only valid on a specific examination date. Procedures indicated by good governance must be followed when making the decisions. Any attachments to applications for special arrangements shall be secret.
Bachelor’s Degree Programmes in the rolling admission

The rolling admission of Satakunta University of Applied Sciences takes place from 9 January to 28 March, 2018. The application period ends on 24 March at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time.

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has five Bachelor’s degree programmes tuitioned in English in the rolling admission (9 January – 28 March 2018):

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Proving eligibility in the rolling admission

Applicants with a non-Finnish qualification must have completed the qualification when they fill the application form. Applicant is required to send the required certificates proving his/her eligibility – i.e. copy of the school certificate needed for eligibility and, the applicants from non-EU/EEA countries, the result of a required English language test – within two weeks from saving the application form in Studyinfo.fi. In addition, each applicant must submit a copy of his or her qualification certificate translated into Finnish, Swedish or English by an official (authorised) translator if the original document is in none of these languages. Such translations must be signed and stamped by the translator. The translations must be submitted with the certificate copies.

Applicants with a Finnish qualification need not submit copies of their certificates while applying, as only the certificates of those admitted as students will be checked. Accepted Finnish applicants graduated before Spring 2018 are required to proof their eligibility before they confirm their study place. Accepted Finnish applicants graduating in Spring 2018 are able to confirm their study after they’ve received and presented final certificates in June 2018.

The certificate copies can be sent to SAMK Admissions Office preferably with the online application form or by e-mail (admissions@samk.fi) as scanned PDF file attachments. Paper copies are not needed, recommended or generally offered, since the post delivery times are longer than deliveries with e-mail/online form solutions.

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Evidence of language proficiency as part of admissions

Finnish language test

Satakunta University of Applied sciences doesn’t organise a Finnish language test or require result of any Finnish language test for admission.

English language proficiency

The applicants from countries outside the European Union or the European Economic Area are required to show adequate skills in English to be eligible for the degree programme. Language skills may be shown with the following minimum certificate requirements:

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The language certificate must be valid during the application period. The Pearson test of English, IELTS and TOEFL certificates are valid for two years. There are no limitations on the period of validity of the other certificates. A TOEFL test score will only be accepted if it has been directly submitted from the TOEFL Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Excellent skills in English are required for success in degree programmes provided in English. The applicants’ language proficiency is assessed by the language certificates and the selection methods.

Student selection in the rolling admission

In the rolling admission, SAMK uses only three variable test methods (results of SAMK’s own online entrance examination, score of SAT test or score/tier of Chinese Gao Kao test) in the student selection. In addition, two degree programmes use an online interview for applicants who have passed the written test. Applicants are not awarded by their previous school success or work experience.

If an eligible applicant fills the required criteria, he/she is either offered a study place or selected to the online interview. The result of the student selection or a phase in the student selection will be given within two weeks from completing the test or showing a required test result.

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*See the medical certificate requirement and information about cancelling the study right in the end of this section.

Initially, there are no quotas for different selection methods. If the study places of any degree programme are filled before the application period is over, SAMK may withdraw the degree programme from the application period before it’s over.

The selection methods are as follows:

**SELECTION METHOD 1: ONLINE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION OF SAMK**

Online entrance examination 100 points
SAMK organizes its own entrance examination on the Internet. SAMK will send eligible applicants directions for testing the exam platform and for completing the entrance examination within two weeks of applying and presenting adequate proof of eligibility. Applicants are required to use their own computer and Internet connection.

In the entrance examination applicant's learning skills, mathematical skills and understanding of written English are measured. The entrance examination can be completed from 15 January 2018 at 8.00 a.m. to at latest 13 April 2018 at 10 p.m. (all times Finnish time). Each applicant has 2 hours to complete the exam after starting it.

**Admission requirement**
Applicant is required to get at least 75 points out of the maximum 100 points to be selected as a student or to be selected to the online interview. *To be considered for selection from a reserve place after the application period, applicant has to get at least 55 points from the online examination.*

**SELECTION METHOD 2: SAT TEST SCORE**

SAMK selects students according to their SAT (Suite of Assessments) test score. SAT tests are organised by College Board and their partner organisations in several countries in the world – read more about the test at [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat). The SAT test consists of four parts:

1. Reading test
2. Writing and Language test
3. Math test
4. Essay

SAMK requires a SAT test score that includes score from Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section (includes Reading test & Writing and Language test) and from Math Section (includes Math test). Score from Essay is not required. SAT Subject Tests are not accepted. An official SAT score report must be given to SAMK straight by the test organiser. Those, who have completed SAT test, must request a test result to be delivered to SAMK. **SAMK’s SAT school code is 7516.** Reports printed or sent by the applicants themselves are not accepted.

The maximum final score for both Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section and Math Section is 800, while the minimum final score is 200. SAMK accepts SAT results starting from 1 March 2016 (the New SAT) and the results are accepted until 13 April 2018 (exam dates in March 2018 are the last ones accepted).

**Admission requirement**
Applicant is required to have at least a test score of 500 from both Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section and Math Section from the New SAT Test (1 March 2016 onwards) to be selected as student or to be selected to the online interview. *No reserve places are offered for this selection method.*

**SELECTION METHOD 3: GAOKAO EXAM RESULT**

SAMK selects students according to their Gaokao result. Gaokao is the National Higher Education Entrance Examination in People’s Republic of China. The exam measures the test taker’s skills and knowledge of Chinese literature, mathematics, English language and social-science-oriented area (history, politics and geography) or natural-science-oriented area (physics, chemistry and biology).
Usually the maximum score of the Gaokao exam is 750 points. The exam has some variation in mandatory and optional subjects and scoring according to the organizing province, but each province organizes its test-takers to Tiers 1, 2 and 3 in the scoring order: Tier 1 representing the best test-takers (approx. 10% of all), Tier 2 the second best test-takers (further 20% of all) and so on.

In rolling admission of 2018, SAMK accepts a Gaokao result from years’ 2016–2017 exams. As proof SAMK accepts an official verification report of China National College Entrance Examination Scores by CHESICC (China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center). The verification report is recommended to be scanned as PDF document and saved with the online application form or sent by e-mail to SAMK Admissions Office (admissions@samk.fi). The verification reports are accepted until 15 April 2018. SAMK will verify the reports electronically.

**Admission requirement**
Applicant is required to have at least an exam result either from 2016 or from 2017 that positions him/her at least to Tier 2 of his/her province to be selected as student or to be selected to the online interview. *No reserve places are offered for this selection method.*

**ONLINE INTERVIEW**

In the Bachelor’s degree programmes of International Business in Rauma and International Tourism Management in Pori, the applicant is required to have an online interview, after he/she has passed any of the selection methods 1, 2 and 3.

Applicant will be interviewed through a video negotiation platform with his/her own computer, webcam and Internet connection. In the interview, applicant’s skills of understanding and producing spoken English are measured. The applicants who are accepted to the interview are sent detailed information about the interview and how register for it by e-mail within a week of completing the selection method 1, 2 or 3. The interviews will be organized from 22 January to 22 April, 2018. The interview is completed in 30 minutes.

**Admission requirement**
The online interview will be graded passed or failed. Passed applicant is selected as a student, failed applicant is not.

**Special requirements for Degree Programme in Maritime Management/Sea Captain**

**Medical certificate**

Any applicant admitted as a student of Maritime Management must submit a medical certificate issued by a seamen’s health centre to the university of applied sciences no later than 7 September 2018. The medical certificate should show that:
- the individual’s visual and auditory acuity and colour vision conform to the requirements laid down in the relevant Decree issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health;
- the individual is fit for the intended duties in terms of his or her health status and functional capacity and does not have any disability or illness that would prevent or clearly complicate his or her work;
- the individual does not suffer from a disease that can be expected to worsen at work or endanger maritime safety or the health of others on board a vessel.

The university of applied sciences may cancel admission if an applicant fails to submit a medical certificate by the specified deadline, or if an applicant cannot be considered fit to study on a Seafaring programme based on the certificate provided.
Cancellation of study right

Seafaring programmes are governed by section 33 of the Polytechnics Act (932/2014), which states that a student’s study right may be cancelled in cases where studies involve requirements concerning customer or transport safety and the student has been found to be unsuitable for the studies because

- the student has repeatedly or seriously endangered the health or safety of another person during the course of his or her studies, thus proving to be obviously unsuitable to perform practical assignments or work placements as part of his or her studies;
- it is obvious that the student, in terms of his or her health status and functional capacity, does not meet the admissions criteria;
- during the application phase, the student has concealed information on a decision on cancellation of study entitlement that could have prevented his or her admission as a student.

Applying through discretionary admission

Satakunta University of Applied sciences doesn’t use discretionary admission for its degree programmes.
MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has three Master's degree programmes tuitioned in English available in the application round in spring 2018:

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*The Degree Programme in Rehabilitation is available in the rolling admission, even though it selects its students by the order of the results in the entrance examination in May.

Application periods

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK) has Master’s degree programmes in one application period:

- Rolling admission to SAMK, Separate application, 9 January – 28 March 2018 (the application period ends on 28 March 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time)

In the rolling admission you can apply with one application form to only one programme in SAMK: if you want to apply to more than one programme, you're required to fill several application forms. In rolling admission student is selected if he/she is found eligible and fills the pre-determined criteria, i.e. an adequate result of an online exam. The result is given per applicant from the beginning of the application period within two weeks after the applicant has shown eligibility and adequate skills for studying.

In the admission of Degree Programme in Rehabilitation, Master of Health Care, all eligible applicants are invited to the entrance examination in Pori and selected in the order of the entrance examination points. The entrance examination is held in the beginning of May 2017. The results of the student selection are given earliest in the middle of May 2018.

If you’re offered a study place from this or any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you’re allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in Autumn 2018 from a Finnish university or university of applied sciences.

Eligibility for Master’s degree programmes

Eligibility for a UAS Master's degree programme is conferred by an appropriate UAS Bachelor's degree or another appropriate higher education degree and at least three years of subsequent work experience in a relevant field. As a relevant field is regarded both the field being applied to and the field of the previous higher education degree.

Educational requirements

Required higher education degrees for the Master’s Degree programmes in SAMK are:
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Applicants must complete the degree used in the application procedure at latest by the end of the application period. The scanned copy (PDF file) of the degree certificate should be attached to the application form. If a certificate was issued in a language other than Finnish, Swedish or English, the applicant must submit a copy of the certificate translated into Finnish, Swedish or English by an official (authorised) translator to the admissions office of SAMK either as an attachment of the application form or by e-mail to admissions@samk.fi.

If an applicant is a refugee or in a refugee-like situation and is unable to submit documentary evidence of his or her qualification, SAMK can invite the applicant to sit an entrance examination or take any advance assignment submitted by the specified deadline into account. The applicant must have an official decision attesting to his or her refugee status (a decision to grant asylum or a residence permit issued on the basis of need for protection). The applicant must submit a copy of this decision to the admissions office during the application period.

Work experience requirements

In order to be eligible, applicants must have 36 months (three years) of work experience accumulated as from the date of award of the final degree certificate and obtained during the application period. SAMK also accepts work experience obtained after completion of a post-secondary or higher vocational level diploma in Finland (in any field of education) but prior to graduating for the higher education degree. In such cases, too, at least three years of work experience obtained in a relevant field is required.

Entrepreneurship will be accepted as work experience if an applicant can produce a certificate attesting that he or she is or has been covered under the statutory YEL or MYEL pension scheme. (YEL = statutory pension scheme for entrepreneurs; MYEL = statutory pension scheme for farmers, forest estate owners, fishers and reindeer herders and their family members). Enterprising activities abroad should be substantiated with comparable official documents.
Work experience is given in full months. When converting part-time work (work under 35 hours per week) into its full-time equivalent, 150 hours or 20 working days lasting at least 7 hours per day correspond to one month of work. Work experience does not have to be continuous or obtained with the same employer. The amount of work experience points awarded for simultaneous employment relationships may not exceed the amount awarded for full-time employment.

Work certificates should be attached to the application form.

**English language proficiency**

The applicants from countries outside the European Union or the European Economic Area are required to show adequate skills in English to be eligible for the degree programme. Language skills may be shown with the following minimum certificate requirements:

- Cambridge ESOL’s Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), level C; or
- Cambridge ESOL’s Certificate in Advanced English (CAE), CEFR level C1; or
- Pearson test of English, Academic 51; or
- IELTS, academic level 5.5; or
- TOEFL 550 paper-based test/TOEFL 79 Internet-based test; or
- skills level 4 in a National Certificate of Language Proficiency test in all areas of the English language, including reading comprehension, listening comprehension, speaking and writing (see www.oph.fi/english > Services > National certificate of language proficiency (YKI)); or
- Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma (AICE) taken in Finland;
- Finnish matriculation examination: grade C in the advanced syllabus test in the English language;
- IB Diploma: grade 4 in the advanced syllabus test in the English language;
- EB Diploma: grade 6.00–6.95 in the advanced syllabus test in the English language;
- RP Diploma: grade 7 in the advanced syllabus test in the English language; or
- an upper secondary level certificate or a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree completed in English in the United Kingdom, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Australia or New Zealand as well as a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree completed in English in an EU/EEA country.

The language certificate must be valid during the application period. The Pearson test of English, IELTS and TOEFL certificates are valid for two years. There are no limitations on the period of validity of the other certificates. A TOEFL test score will only be accepted if it has been directly submitted from the TOEFL Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Excellent skills in English are required for success in degree programmes provided in English. The applicants’ language proficiency is assessed by the language certificates and the selection methods.

**Submitting degree, employment and language certificates**

Copies of the degree, employment and language certificates are checked before the applicant is forwarded to the next phase of the admission (i.e. online entrance examination or traditional entrance examination). Original certificates are checked when the student starts his/her studies. If any of the certificates is found false or if the applicant has given false information about his/her degree, SAMK may cancel the admission.

Work experience must be verified with an employment certificate provided by the employer. An employment certificate must indicate details such as the exact start and end dates of employment, the
employer’s contact information, work duties, as well as working hours for part-time work. If the employment continues, the applicant should request a temporary employment certificate from the employer.

If an original employment certificate is in a language other than Finnish, Swedish or English, the applicant must submit a copy of the certificate translated into Finnish, Swedish or English by an official (authorised) translator, bearing the translator’s name, signature and stamp, along with the copy of the original certificate to the admissions office of SAMK.
Admissions criteria

Students are selected on the basis of their success in the entrance examination.

In the Degree Programme in Rehabilitation the selection is done in the order of the examination points. In the Degree Programme in Welfare Technology (both options of preference) the applicants with adequate points in the examination will be selected.

Degree Programme in Rehabilitation

Degree Programme in Rehabilitation organizes entrance examination during 7–9 May 2018. The examination cannot be replaced with any other entrance examination or test result, and the examination result doesn’t replace any other examination result. The result is valid only in the application round of Spring 2018.

The entrance examination is organized online and it consists of written part and personal interview. Applicants’ times for taking the examination may vary. Applicant is required to have a computer, webcam and a reliable Internet connection for taking the exam. Detailed information about the entrance examination and instructions for completing the examination will be sent to eligible applicants by e-mail by 23 April 2018.

In the entrance examination applicant is required to get at least 50 points out of the maximum 100 points to be eligible for student selection. Students are selected solely in the order of examination points. If there are applicants with the same examination score and if at least one of the applicants would be entitled for students selection, all applicants with the same score are selected as students.

Degree Programme in Welfare Technology (both programmes)

Degree Programme in Welfare Technology organizes its own entrance examination on the Internet. SAMK will send eligible applicants directions for testing the exam platform and for completing the entrance examination within two weeks of applying and presenting adequate proof of eligibility. Applicants are required to use their own computer and Internet connection.

The entrance examination consists of written part and recorded presentation. The applicant is required to have a computer, webcam and Internet connection to complete the examination. The entrance examination can be completed from 15 January 2018 at 8.00 a.m. to at latest 13 April 2018 at 10 p.m. (all times Finnish time). Each applicant has a limited time to complete the entrance examination after starting it.

In the entrance examination applicant is required to get at least 50 points out of the maximum 100 points to be selected as student. There is no ranking between applicants: all eligible applicants who pass the entrance examination will be selected.

Accessible student admission – special arrangements for entrance examinations

An applicant may submit a separate application to request the right to special arrangements for taking an entrance examination. The same application form is used by all higher education institutions, and it can be found on the website of each institution. The application should indicate the types of special arrangements being requested and the grounds for the request. The applicant should enclose copies of the certificates to which he or she makes appeal.

Please note: Documents verifying dyslexia must have been issued within the last 5 (five) years. In addition, documents verifying a permanent disability, illness or learning disability must have been issued within the last 5 (five) years. The period of validity of other documents will be decided case-by-case.
In cases where an issue entitling an applicant to special arrangements already exists during the application period, an application for special arrangements for entrance examinations must be submitted by the common deadline decided by the universities of applied sciences (see the Schedule Appendix). The applicant must submit a separate application to each university of applied sciences to which he or she has submitted an application. A university of applied sciences may provide additional instructions, for example related to two-stage admissions. The application should be submitted to the admissions offices of the relevant higher education institutions.

If an issue entitling an applicant to special arrangements emerges or is identified between the end of the application period and the entrance examination date, the applicant must submit an application for special arrangements to the admissions offices of each university of applied sciences arranging the entrance examinations that he or she intends to take without delay. The university of applied sciences may deny an applicant the right to special arrangements if such arrangements are impossible to implement, for example because of schedule-related reasons.

Decisions on special arrangements for entrance examinations are specific to each programme choice and a decision is only valid on a specific examination date. Procedures indicated by good governance must be followed when making the decisions. Any attachments to applications for special arrangements shall be secret.
## SCHEDULE APPENDIX
### Deadlines for submitting certificates, appendices etc. in 2018

**BACHELOR’S DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN PHYSIOTHERAPY AND NURSING – JOINT APPLICATION TO FINNISH HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

The required documents must arrive by the specified deadline by post (the postmark date is not sufficient) or by e-mail.

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1) work experience to be obtained

2) copies of employment certificates to be submitted to the admissions office

3) original certificates to be checked

   - 1) by 31 July 2018
   - 2) by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 July 2018
   - 3) at the beginning of studies

### Decisions to grant asylum or residence permits issued on the basis of a need for protection of refugees or applicants in a refugee-like situation to be submitted to the admissions office:

- by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 February 2018

### Accessibility in student admissions:

Applications for special arrangements for entrance examinations to be submitted to the University of Applied Sciences (see the UAS website or Opintopolku.fi/Studyinfo.fi):

- by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 February 2018

### Any changes to work experience information affecting actual admissions to be submitted to the admissions office:

- by 3 p.m. on Friday, 6 March 2018

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**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME - REHABILITATION**

The required documents are recommended to be saved in the application form. Alternatively, the scanned documents can be sent by e-mail to admissions@samk.fi.

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