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SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH 2019

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, 9–23 January 2019 (the application period ends on 23 January 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time)
- Separate applications to SAMK:
 - SAMK Separate application to programmes tuitioned in English I, Spring 2019, 9–23 January 2019 (the application period ends on 23 January 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time) and
 - SAMK Separate application to programmes tuitioned in English II, Spring 2019, 13 March – 3 April 2019 ((the application period ends on 3 April 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time

Each programme is available only either in the joint application or in the separate applications. Read carefully from the programme descriptions, in which application 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 2019.

In the separate applications you can apply to the degree programmes available in SAMK. You can choose the application period you prefer, but you can only go through the admission procedure once: you can have one try of the entrance examination and one admission result in spring 2019. The results are given from the 1st separate application by 17 March, 2019, and from the 2nd separate application by 17 May, 2019.

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 2019 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 qualification 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.

A higher education degree does not confer eligibility to Bachelor's degree programmes in SAMK.

SAMK doesn't have discretionary admission, i.e. the possibility to apply without an eligible background education, to its degree programmes.

Proving eligibility

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.

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.

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 23 January, 2019. The application period ends on 23 January, 2019, at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time.

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has one Bachelor's degree programme available in the joint application:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	Joint application I, spring 2019	20

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

Student selection

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 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 based on 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).

Entrance examination

Degree Programme in Physiotherapy organizes entrance examination on 25-26 April 2019 (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 2019.

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.

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 separate applications

The separate applications of Satakunta University of Applied Sciences take place:

- SAMK Separate application to programmes tuitioned in English I, Spring 2019, 9–23 January 2019 (the application period ends on 23 January 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time) and
- SAMK Separate application to programmes tuitioned in English II, Spring 2019, 13 March – 3 April 2019 (the application period ends on 3 April 2019 at 3:00 p.m.).

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has six Bachelor's degree programmes tuitioned in English in the separate applications:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	Rauma	Separate applications I & II, Spring 2019	40 (20 + 20)
Degree Programme in Industrial Management, Bachelor of Engineering, blended learning	Rauma	Separate applications I & II, Spring 2019	20 (10 + 10)
Degree Programme in Logistics, Bachelor of Engineering, blended learning	Rauma	Separate applications I & II, Spring 2019	20 (10 + 10)
Degree Programme in Maritime Management/Sea Captain, Bachelor of Marine Technology, full-time studies	Rauma	Separate applications I & II, Spring 2019	25 (12 + 13)
Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Bachelor of Hospitality Management, full-time studies	Pori	Separate applications I & II, Spring 2019	30 (15 + 15)
Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	Separate applications I & II, Spring 2019	30 (15 + 15)

Student selection in the separate applications

In the rolling admission, SAMK uses only one test method, result of SAMK's own online entrance examination, 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.

Applicants are put in the selection order according to their points from the entrance examination. Applicant is required to get at least 30 points from the entrance examination to be available for selection. The results of the student selection are given from the 1st separate application by 17 March, 2019, and from the 2nd separate application by 17 May, 2019.

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	USES WRITTEN ONLINE EXAMINATION?	USES ONLINE INTERVIEW?
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	Rauma	Yes	Yes
Degree Programme in Industrial Management, Bachelor of Engineering, blended learning	Rauma	Yes	No
Degree Programme in Logistics, Bachelor of Engineering, blended learning	Rauma	Yes	No
Degree Programme in Maritime Management/Sea Captain, Bachelor of Marine Technology, full-time studies*	Rauma	Yes	No
Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Bachelor of Hospitality Management, full-time studies	Pori	Yes	No**
Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	Yes	Yes

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

**Instead of giving an online interview, the applicant is required to make an instructed introduction video.

Half of each programme's intake is selected from the 1st separate application and half from the 2nd separate application. The possible selection to reserve places is done from both applications in the order of entrance examination points.

SAMK uses only online entrance examinations for student selection:

SELECTION METHOD: ONLINE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION OF SAMK

Online entrance examination 100 points

SAMK organizes its own entrance examinations on the Internet. Applicants are required to use their own computer and Internet connection.

Applicant is required to get at least the required points from the examination (max 100 points) to be available for selection, unless otherwise stated. In addition, to have an acceptable result from the entrance examination, every part of the examination has to be completed acceptably. Students are selected from the acceptable applicants according to the order of the entrance examination points.

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ONLINE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS BY PROGRAMME

Degree Programme in International Business

The entrance examination is divided into two parts:

1. Written part
2. Online interview

Each eligible applicant takes the written part first. To pass the written part and to be invited to an online interview, the applicant is required to get at least 30 points from the maximum 100 points. The online interview is graded pass or fail. The students are selected from those applicants who pass the online interview, in the order of points received from the written part.

Written part measures applicant's learning skills, logical-mathematical skills and understanding of written English. Each applicant has 2 hours to complete the exam after starting it.

In the online interview, applicant will be interviewed through a video negotiation platform with his/her own computer, webcam, headset/microphone and Internet connection. In the interview, applicant's skills of understanding and producing spoken English are measured. Applicant is given a time of 20 minutes for the interview by invitation – the applicant can not change the date and the time of the interview.

The parts of the online entrance examination of the Degree Programme in International Business are organized, and the directions for each part are sent by e-mail according to the schedule below:

Application period	Instructions for the written part	Written part open period	Invitations to the online interview	Online interview period
Separate application I	by 15 February, 2019	25 February, 2019 6.00 p.m. – 26 February, 2019 6.00 p.m.	by 1 March, 2019	5 - 8 March, 2019, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Separate application II	by 16 April, 2019	24 April, 2019 6.00 p.m. – 25 April, 2019 6.00 p.m.	by 2 May, 2019	6 - 8 May, 2019, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Each applicant has only one try for the online entrance examination, so applicants of Separate application I cannot apply in Separate application II.

Degree Programme in International Tourism Development

The entrance examination consists of three parts:

1. Logical-mathematical test
2. Material-based exam
3. Motivational video

Logical mathematical test measures applicant's logical skills, mathematical skills and understanding of written English. Each applicant has 1,5 hours to complete the exam after starting it. Applicant is required to get at least 16 points out maximum 40 points from this section.

In the material-based exam, applicant is required to answer questions based on material about international tourism. Material is given on the exam platform either when it's opened or during the exam. In the motivational video, applicant should be able to bring up issues about the exam material using his/her own computer, webcam, headset/microphone and Internet connection. Both parts will be instructed to eligible applicants before the examination opens, and both parts will be time-limited inside the examination open period. There will be more detailed information in Studyinfo.fi about the examination. Applicant is required to get at least 24 points out maximum 60 from this section.

The online entrance examination of the Degree Programme in International Tourism Development is organized, and the directions are sent by e-mail according to the schedule below:

Application period	Instructions for the examination	Examination open period
Separate application I	by 15 February, 2019	25 February, 2019 6.00 p.m. – 26 February, 2019 6.00 p.m.
Separate application II	by 16 April, 2019	24 April, 2019 6.00 p.m. – 25 April, 2019 6.00 p.m.

Each applicant has only one try for the online entrance examination, so applicants of Separate application I cannot apply in Separate application II.

Degree Programmes in Industrial Management and Logistics

The entrance examination consists only of a written online examination.

To pass the online examination and to be available for student selection, the applicant is required to get at least 30 points from the maximum 100 points. The students are selected from those applicants who pass the examination, in the order of points received.

Online examination measures applicant's learning skills, logical skills, mathematical skills and understanding of written English. Each applicant has 2 hours to complete the exam after starting it.

The online entrance examination of the Degree Programmes in Industrial Management and Logistics is organized, and the directions are sent by e-mail according to the schedule below:

Application period	Instructions for the examination	Examination open period
Separate application I	by 15 February, 2019	25 February, 2019 6.00 p.m. – 26 February, 2019 6.00 p.m.
Separate application II	by 16 April, 2019	24 April, 2019 6.00 p.m. – 25 April, 2019 6.00 p.m.

Each applicant has only one try for the online entrance examination, so applicants of Separate application I cannot apply in Separate application II.

Degree Programme in Maritime Management/Sea Captain

The entrance examination consists only of a written online examination.

To pass the online examination and to be available for student selection, the applicant is required to get at least 30 points from the maximum 100 points. In addition, the applicant is required to get at least 70 % of points from the section measuring colour sight to be available for student selection. The students are selected from those applicants who pass the examination, in the order of points received.

Online examination measures applicant's learning skills, logical skills, mathematical skills, understanding of written English and colour sight. Each applicant has 2 hours to complete the exam after starting it.

The online entrance examination of the Degree Programme in Maritime Management/Sea Captain is organized, and the directions are sent by e-mail according to the schedule below:

Application period	Instructions for the examination	Examination open period
Separate application I	by 15 February, 2019	25 February, 2019 6.00 p.m. – 27 February, 2019 6.00 p.m.
Separate application II	by 16 April, 2019	24 April, 2019 6.00 p.m. – 26 April, 2019 6.00 p.m.

Each applicant has only one try for the online entrance examination, so applicants of Separate application I cannot apply in Separate application II.

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 6 September 2019. 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 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.

Degree Programme in Nursing

The entrance examination consists of two parts:

1. Written exam
2. Online interview

Written exam measures applicant's learning skills, mathematical skills, motivation and understanding of written English. The time for the written exam will be limited.

In the online interview, applicant will be interviewed through a video negotiation platform with his/her own computer, webcam, headset/microphone and Internet connection. Applicant's skills of understanding and producing spoken English are measured. Applicant is given a time of 20 minutes for the interview by invitation – the applicant cannot change the date and the time of the interview.

The entrance will be instructed to eligible applicants by e-mail before the examination opens. There will be more detailed information in Studyinfo.fi about the examination.

Both parts of the entrance examination of the Degree Programme in Nursing are organized, and the directions are sent by e-mail according to the schedule below:

Application period	Instructions for the examination	Examination open period
Separate application I	by 15 February, 2019	25 – 26 February, 2019, detailed times to be announced
Separate application II	by 16 April, 2019	25 – 26 April, 2019, detailed times to be announced

Each applicant has only one try for the online entrance examination, so applicants of Separate application I cannot apply in Separate application II.

Special requirements for Degree Programme in Nursing

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 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 based on 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).

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 separate application in spring 2019 (only the 2nd application period):

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in Rehabilitation, Master of Health Care, part-time studies	Pori	Separate application II, Spring 2019	15
Degree Programme in Welfare Technology, Master of Engineering (60 ECTS), part-time studies	Pori	Separate application II, Spring 2019	10
Degree Programme in Welfare Technology, Master of Health Care/Social Services/Business Administration (90 ECTS), part-time studies	Pori	Separate applications II, Spring 2019	10

Application periods

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

- SAMK Separate application to programmes tuitioned in English II, Spring 2019, 13 March – 3 April 2019 (the application period ends on 3 April 2019 at 3:00 p.m.).

All eligible applicants are invited to take the online entrance examination, and the students are selected in the order of the entrance examination points. The online entrance examination is open for three days on 24–26 April, 2019. The results of the student selection are given by 17 May, 2019.

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 2019 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:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	ELIGIBLE DEGREES
Degree Programme in Rehabilitation, Master of Health Care, part-time studies	Pori	1) a Finnish UAS Degree: Bachelor of Health Care/Social Services/Social Services and Health Care (e.g. Nursing, Physiotherapy, Rehabilitation, Elderly Care or Social Services) or 2) a corresponding non-Finnish higher education degree

Degree Programme in Welfare Technology, Master of Engineering (60 ECTS), part-time studies	Pori	1) a Finnish UAS Degree: Bachelor of Engineering or 2) a corresponding non-Finnish higher education degree
Degree Programme in Welfare Technology, Master of Health Care/Social Services (90 ECTS), part-time studies	Pori	1) a Finnish UAS Degree: a) Bachelor of Health Care/Social Services/Social Services and Health Care (major subject: Nursing, Physiotherapy, Rehabilitation, Elderly Care or Social Services) or b) Bachelor of Business Administration or c) Bachelor of Tourism or 2) a corresponding non-Finnish higher education degree

Applicants must complete the degree used in the application procedure 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 is 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 based on the 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 in a relevant field from the date of award of the final degree certificate and obtained by 31 July, 2019. 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 in a relevant field 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

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

Submitting degree and work certificates

Copies of the degree and work certificates are checked before the applicant is accepted to the degree programme. 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 and entrance examinations

Students are selected based on their success in the entrance examination.

Degree Programme in Rehabilitation

Degree Programme in Rehabilitation organizes its entrance examination during 24–26 April 2019. 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 2019.

The entrance examination is organized online. It consists of written exam based on given material and an instructed video presentation. For the written exam, participants are given pre-reading material on the examination platform beforehand. Applicant has one hour for answering the questions based on the pre-reading material in the written exam. The video presentation should be approximately three minutes long.

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 17 April, 2019.

In the entrance examination applicant is required to get at least 40 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 these applicants would be entitled for 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 entrance examination during 24–26 April 2019. 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 2019.

The entrance examination is organized online. It consists of written exam based on given material and an instructed video presentation. The written exam contains three different types of assignments. Minimum 40% of maximum points in each assignment is required for pass. All examination material is available at the examination platform. Applicant has three hours for reading the material and answering the questions in the written exam. The video presentation should be approximately three minutes long.

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 17 April, 2019.

In the entrance examination applicant is required to get at least 40 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 these applicants would be entitled for selection, all applicants with the same score are selected as students.

Accessible student admission – special arrangements for entrance examinations

Special arrangements are not available for the online entrance examinations of Master's degree programmes.

SCHEDULE APPENDIX

Deadlines for submitting certificates, appendices etc. in 2019

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – BOTH JOINT APPLICATION APPLICATION PERIOD I AND SEPARATE APPLICATIONS I & II

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.

Document	Joint Application Spring application period I & Separate Application I 9 January – 23 January 2019	SAMK Separate Application II 13 March – 3 April 2019
Finnish qualification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Degree must be completed and a copy of the final degree certificate must be delivered to the admissions office of the relevant university of applied sciences (* = those graduating during the application period) 2) Matriculation examination grades of those who took their matriculation examination in or after 1990 3) Copies of matriculation examination certificates of those who took their matriculation examination prior to 1990 to be submitted to the admissions office 4) Original qualification certificates to be checked 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) by 3 p.m. on Monday, 8 July 2019 2) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board 3) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 January 2019 4) at the beginning of studies 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) by 3 p.m. on Monday, 8 July 2019 2) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board 3) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019 4) at the beginning of studies
International matriculation examination (IB, EB, RP): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Copies of diplomas and their official translations to be submitted to the admissions office (* = those graduating during the application period to submit a Predicted Grades or equivalent) 2) Copy of the final certificate of applicants who complete an RP or EB diploma during the application period 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday , 30 January 2019 * by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019 2) by 3 p.m. on Friday, 12 July 2019 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019 2) by 3 p.m. on Friday, 12 July 2019

(Transcript of Grades for those completing an IB diploma) must be delivered		
3) original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	3) at the beginning of studies	3) at the beginning of studies
Qualifications taken outside Finland:		
1) A copy of the qualification certificate or a temporary certificate of the applicant's graduation issued by an educational institution to be submitted to the admissions services	1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 January 2019	1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019
2) original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	2) at the beginning of studies	2) at the beginning of studies
Decisions to grant asylum or residence permits issued based on 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, 30 January 2019	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019
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, 30 January 2019	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – REHABILITATION & WELFARE TECHNOLOGY

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.

Document	SAMK Separate Application II 13 March – 3 April 2019
Finnish qualification: 1) Degree must be completed and a copy of the final degree certificate must be delivered 2) Original qualification certificates to be checked	1) by 3 p.m. on Monday, 8 July 2019 2) at the beginning of studies
Qualifications taken outside Finland: 1) Degree must be completed and a copy of the final degree certificate, together with an official translation, must be submitted to the admissions office 2) original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019 2) at the beginning of studies
Employment certificates: 1) work experience to be obtained 2) copies of employment certificates to be attached to the application form or submitted to the admissions office 3) original certificates to be checked	1) by 31 July 2019 2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019 3) at the beginning of studies
Decisions to grant asylum or residence permits issued based on 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, 10 April 2019
Accessibility in student admissions: applications for special arrangements for entrance examinations to be submitted to the university of applied sciences (see the website of the UAS/Studyinfo.fi)	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019
Any changes to work experience information affecting eligibility to be submitted to the admissions office:	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 April 2019