

**Satakunta University of Applied Sciences**  
**Admissions Criteria, Spring 2021**

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# SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

## ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PROGRAMMES TUITIONED IN ENGLISH 2021

### BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

#### Application periods

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

- Separate applications to SAMK:
  - SAMK Admission I, Spring 2021, 7–20 January 2021 (the application period ends on 20 January 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time) and
  - SAMK Admission II, Spring 2021, 10–31 March 2021 (the application period ends on 31 March 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time)

In the separate applications you can apply to four degree programmes available in the application period. The results of the student selection are given in the schedule given in the descriptions of student selection.

If you're offered study places from these separate applications or any application period of a Finnish higher education institution, you're allowed to confirm only one study place for studies starting in Autumn 2021 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
- foreign qualification that provides eligibility for higher education studies in the country in question  
or
- a Finnish or foreign higher education degree

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 Satakunta 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 save copies of their certificates to the application form by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix).

In order to prove their eligibility, applicants with a non-Finnish qualification certificate must save a copy of the certificate used as the basis for application by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the application form. This is not applicable to applicants who complete their foreign qualification during or after 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 saved by the deadline specified in advance (see the Schedule Appendix) to the application form.

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, Satakunta University of Applied Sciences may invite the applicant to take an entrance exam or, if necessary, submit the application for academic assessment. Satakunta University of Applied Sciences 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 admission office of Satakunta University of applied sciences (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

Good skills in English are required for success in degree programmes provided in English. In those programmes that use entrance exams, applicant's language skills are measured in the entrance exam. Adequate results from accepted international English language tests give applicant extra point in some of SAMK's Bachelor's degree programmes.

## 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 SAMK (see the Schedule Appendix). The applicant must submit a separate application to the admissions office of SAMK.

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 office of SAMK. SAMK 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 of SAMK

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

- SAMK Admission I, Spring 2021, 7–20 January 2021 (the application period ends on 20 January, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time) and
- SAMK Admission II, Spring 2021, 10–31 March 2021 (the application period ends on 31 March, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time)

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

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission I, Spring 2021	26
Degree Programme in Nursing, Bachelor of Health Care, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admissions I & II, Spring 2021	40 in total
Degree Programme in Industrial Management, Bachelor of Engineering, blended learning	Rauma	SAMK Admission II, Spring 2021	20
Degree Programme in Logistics, Bachelor of Engineering, blended learning	Rauma	SAMK Admission II, Spring 2021	20
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admissions I & II, Spring 2021	30 in total
Degree Programme in Maritime Management/Sea Captain, Bachelor of Marine Technology, full-time studies	Rauma	SAMK Admissions I & II, Spring 2021	25 in total
Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Bachelor of Hospitality Management, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admissions I & II, Spring 2021	30 in total
Degree Programme in Artificial Intelligence, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admissions I & II, Spring 2021	50 in total
Degree Programme in Mechatronics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admissions I & II, Spring 2021	50 in total

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.

### Student selection in SAMK Admission I, Degree Programme in Physiotherapy

Degree Programme in Physiotherapy organizes its online entrance examination on 22–23 April, 2021. The written part is organized on 22 April, 2021, and the online interview on 22 or 23 April, 2021.

All eligible applicants are invited to the online entrance examination by the end of March 2021. Participation in the entrance examination requires enrollment after getting the invitation.

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 2021.

Entrance examination includes the following parts:

- Written part (an essay based on material given during the exam), 20 points.

- Online interview, (based partly on G. Tortora & B. Derrickson Principles of Anatomy and Physiology Global edition, chapter 9 starting from 9.5 Types of Movements at Synovial Joint to the end of 9.13 Knee joint pp.230 – 250 / 12th edition pp. 270-293), 30 points.

The maximum score from the entrance exam is 50 points. The applicant is required to get at least 20 points from the examination to be eligible for student selection. The applicant is also required to get at least 7 points from each part of the exam and have his/her written and spoken English skills found adequate in the written part and in the interview.

Student selection is done in the order of points given from the entrance examination. Possible student selection from reserve places is also done in the order of points given from the entrance examination.

### **Results of the student selection**

The results of student selection of the Degree Programme in Physiotherapy are given by 7 May, 2021. Student selection from reserve places ends at latest on 2 August, 2021.

### **Student selection in SAMK Admissions I & II, Degree Programme in Nursing**

The online entrance examination consists of two parts:

1. Written part
2. Online interview

Written part measures applicant's learning skills, mathematical skills, motivation and understanding of written English. Written part consists of an essay, a calculation exam and a video introduction. Applicants are required to complete all three tasks and get at least 40 per cent of both essay's and calculation exam's maximum points. The written part will open a limited time and each task's completion time be limited. Only those applicants who pass the written part will be invited to the online interview.

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 10 minutes for the interview by invitation – the applicant cannot change the date and the time of the interview. Applicants are required to get at least 40 per cent of the online interview's maximum points.

The final student selection is done in the order of the written part's and the online interview's points. Only applicants who have passed both the written part and the online interview are available for selection.

The online entrance examination of the Degree Programme in Nursing is organized according to the following schedule (*SAMK Admission I / SAMK Admission II*):

- Invitations and instructions for the written part are sent by 12 February, 2021 /
- The written part is open for completion on 2 March, 2021 / 20 April, 2021 , from 6.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Finnish time.
- Invitations and instructions for the online interview are sent on 5 March, 2021 / 23 April, 2021.
- The online interviews will be held on 9 March, 2021 / 27 April, 2021.

### **Results of student selection**

The results of student selection of the Degree Programme in Nursing are given by 17 March, 2021 in SAMK Admission I and by 7 May, 2021 in SAMK Admission II. Student selection from reserve places ends at latest on 2 August, 2021.

## Special requirements for Degree Programmes in Physiotherapy and 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;
- 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
- 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).

## Student selection in SAMK Admission II, Degree Programmes in Industrial Management and Logistics

### Degree Programme in Industrial Management, Rauma

### Degree Programme in Logistics, Rauma

#### ENTRANCE EXAMINATION COURSE

**Degree Programmes in Industrial Management and Logistics have their own entrance examination course in SAMK Admission II in spring 2021.** The degree programmes do not accept any other entrance examination results, and their entrance examination course is not accepted in any other degree programme in Satakunta University of Applied Sciences or in any other university.

The student selection of the degree programmes in Industrial Management and Logistics is completed with an online entrance examination course during spring 2021. Applicant can get up to 100 points from the course, and applicant is required to get at least 35 points to be available for selection. In addition, each task given within the course has to be returned by the given deadline. If applicant gets less than 35 points or if he/she doesn't return all given tasks, he/she will be considered to have failed the course and can not be accepted to either degree programme.

The schedule for registering for and completing the entrance examination course (the exact dates and times are given at Studyinfo.fi):

- The enrolment period for the course starts at the address given in the programme descriptions at Studyinfo.fi on 10 March, 2021.
- The entrance examination course starts on Monday 29 March, 2021.

- The application period of SAMK Admissions II: Wednesday 10 March, 2021 – Wednesday 31 March, 2021, at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time at <http://studyinfo.fi>.
- The enrolment period for the course ends on Wednesday 7 April, 2021, at 3:00 p.m Finnish time.
- The tasks of the course have to be returned by Monday 31 May, 2021.
- The results of the student selection are given at latest on Friday 18 June, 2021. Student selection from reserve places ends at latest on 2 August, 2021.

The entrance examination course is organized on the e-learning environment provided by SAMK. The instructions for registering to the e-learning environment and logging in to the entrance examination course are sent to the e-mail address given during the course enrolment.

It's recommended to enroll for the course so, that the applicant can start the course on Monday 29 March, 2021. It's allowed to enroll for the course until 7 April, 2021, at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time, but it may be challenging to complete the course in shorter time than it's been planned.

The entrance examination course is an online course of 3 ECTS credits belonging to the curricula of both degree programmes. The subject of the course is given to those who enroll for it. Applicants who are selected to the degree programme and who confirm their study place will have the course included to their degree studies. Other applicants who complete the course acceptably will receive a certificate of completed open university studies.

Students are not sent any reminders about applying in SAMK Admission II or enrolling for the entrance examination course. Enrolling for the course is not considered to be application or initiating application.

### Student selection in SAMK Admissions I & II, other Bachelor's degree programmes

**Degree Programme in International Business, Rauma**

**Degree Programme in Maritime Management/Sea Captain, Rauma**

**Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Pori**

**Degree Programme in Artificial Intelligence, Pori**

**Degree Programme in Mechatronics, Pori**

#### SELECTION METHOD 1: FINNISH MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE AND IB, EB & RP COMPLETED IN FINLAND

Applicants with Finnish matriculation certificate will be selected with the points they receive from their grades. Points are given according to this table:

Subject	Grade			
	L/E/M	C	B	A
English, advanced	6	5	3	1
English, basic	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

The points for International Baccalaureate, European Baccalaureate and Reifeprüfung completed in Finland are given according the attached Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams (see Scoring Appendix).

Students are selected in the order of total points received from the grades. Maximum of total points is 18 points, and applicant is required to get at least 6 points to be available for student selection.

The points for the Finnish matriculation examination are given from results available by 21 May, 2021. Only students who have got the matriculation certificate by 5 June, 2021, can be selected with this method.

### **Results of the student selection**

Results of the student selection are given by 28 May, 2021, for both admission periods. Student selection from reserve places ends at latest on 2 August, 2021.

### **SELECTION METHOD 2: PAPER SELECTION FOR APPLICANTS WITH FOREIGN CERTIFICATE AND APPLICANTS WITH A FINNISH VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION**

Applicants with a foreign certificate or a Finnish vocational qualification will get a total score from their 2<sup>nd</sup> year or final certificate (non-Finnish degrees: upper secondary school, high school, vocational school), higher education degree certificates and their transcripts of records, required English language test result and study probability coefficient.

### **Scoring the certificate**

The score from the 2<sup>nd</sup> year certificate or final certificate, higher education degree certificates and transcripts of records will get a score from 0 to 5 according to a subjective evaluation of certificates of all foreign applicants who apply to the degree programme in the application round in question. In the evaluation the certificate type, GPA and single grades (especially English, mathematics and grades of the studies from the field of the degree programme) will be taken into account. Best applicants will receive 5 points, second best 4 points, and so on. If a certificate is suspected a fake, applicant will receive 0 points. If a certificate is from wrong level, i.e. not from upper secondary school, high school, vocational school or higher education institution, applicant will receive 0 points. Points are given from one certificate only.

### **Scoring the English language test result**

Applicant gets extra 1 point from an adequate and valid IELTS or PTE Academic result. The extra point is given to applicants, who have either IELTS overall band score of at least 6.0 or PTE Academic overall score of at least 51.

### **Study probability coefficient**

Applicant's study probability coefficient is counted for the country the applicant lives in according to poverty rate (gross domestic product, GDP, per capita), corruption rank (Corruption Perception Index, CPI) and the nature of previous residence permit decisions by Finnish Immigration Service for the country where the applicant lives in. At highest, applicant's study probability coefficient is 1.0. The coefficient is brought down by 0.2 by each of the following factors:

- If according to the latest available figures of the International Monetary Fund, the country's GDP per capita is found insufficient, the coefficient is brought down by 0.2.
- If according to the latest available ranks of the Transparency International, the country's Corruption Perception Index is found too high, the coefficient is brought down by 0.2.
- If the latest 12 months statistics of students' 1<sup>st</sup> time residence permit decisions of Finnish Immigration Service show that the share of negative decisions is too high, the coefficient is brought down by 0.2.

Thus, the study probability coefficient can be 1.0 at its highest and 0.4 at its lowest.

For applicants living in Finland the coefficient is 1.0.

## Counting the final score

The final score is counted by summing up the certificate score (max 5 points) and the language test score (max 1 point) and multiplying the sum by the study probability coefficient (1.0...0.4). The maximum final score is 6 points, and applicant is required to get at least 2,5 points to be available for student selection. Applicants are selected as students i.e. offered study places in the order of their final scores.

## Results of the student selection

Results of the student selection are given by 12 February, 2021, for SAMK Admissions I, and by 28 April, 2021, for SAMK Admissions II. Student selection from reserve places ends at latest on 2 August, 2021.

If applicant has been selected as student based on his/her 2<sup>nd</sup> year certificate, the selection is conditional. Applicant selected as student is required to present certificates that prove his/her eligibility, by 14 July, 2021.

## DESIRED QUOTAS OF EACH SELECTION METHOD IN EACH PROGRAMME

The desired quotas of intake for each degree programme are:

DEGREE PROGRAMME	SELECTION METHOD 1	SELECTION METHOD 2
Degree Programme in International Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	30 %	70 %
Degree Programme in Maritime Management/Sea Captain, Bachelor of Marine Technology, full-time studies	30 %	70 %
Degree Programme in International Tourism Management, Bachelor of Hospitality Management, full-time studies	30 %	70 %
Degree Programme in Artificial Intelligence, Bachelor of Business Administration, full-time studies	30 %	70 %
Degree Programme in Mechatronics, Bachelor of Engineering, full-time studies	30 %	70 %

## 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 2021. 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.

## MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Satakunta University of Applied Sciences has these Master's degree programmes tuitioned in English available in the separate application in spring 2021 (only SAMK Admission II):

DEGREE PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	APPLICATION PERIOD	STARTING PLACES
Degree Programme in Welfare Technology, Master of Engineering (60 ECTS), part-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission II, Spring 2021	10
Degree Programme in Welfare Technology, Master of Health Care/Social Services (90 ECTS), part-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission II, Spring 2021	10
Degree Programme in Welfare Technology, Master of Business Administration (90 ECTS), part-time studies	Pori	SAMK Admission II, Spring 2021	10

### Application periods

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

- SAMK Admission II, Spring 2021, 10–31 March 2021 (the application period ends on 31 March, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time)

If you're offered study places 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 2021 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 two 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 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: Bachelor of Health Care/Social Services/Social Services and Health Care (major subject: Nursing, Physiotherapy, Rehabilitation, Elderly Care or Social Services) or 2) a corresponding non-Finnish higher education degree
Degree Programme in Welfare Technology, Master of Business Administration (90 ECTS), part-time studies	Pori	1) a Finnish UAS degree: Bachelor of Business Administration/Hospitality Management or 2) a corresponding non-Finnish higher education degree

For each Master's degree programme those Finnish professional higher level degrees and polytechnic degrees (in Finnish: ammatillisen korkea-asteen tutkinnot ja opistoasteen tutkinnot) are eligible which have a similar field with the eligible higher education degree. These degrees should have the graduation date in the year 2000 or earlier to be eligible.

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](mailto: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 24 months (two years) of work experience in a relevant field from the date of award of the final degree certificate and obtained by 31 July, 2021. 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 two 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 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 Welfare Technology (all options)

**Degree Programme in Welfare Technology has their own entrance examination course in SAMK Admission II in spring 2021.** The degree programme does not accept any other entrance examination results, and the entrance examination course is not accepted in any other degree programme in Satakunta University of Applied Sciences or in any other university.

The student selection of the Degree Programme in Welfare technology is completed with an online entrance examination course during spring 2021. Applicant can get up to 100 points from the course, and applicant is required to get at least 35 points to be available for selection. In addition, each task given within the course has to be returned by the given deadline. If applicant gets less than 35 points or if he/she doesn't return all given tasks, he/she will be considered to have failed the course and cannot be accepted to the degree programme.

The schedule for registering for and completing the entrance examination course (the exact dates and times are given at [Studyinfo.fi](http://studyinfo.fi)):

- The enrolment period for the course is given at the address in the programme descriptions at <http://studyinfo.fi> The enrolment period for the course is from Monday 10 March to Wednesday 7 April 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Finnish time.
- The application period of SAMK Admissions II is from Wednesday 10 March 2021 to Wednesday 31 March 2021, at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time at <http://studyinfo.fi>
- The entrance examination course is open from Monday 29 March 2021 and the tasks of the course must be returned by Monday 31 May 2021.
- The results of the student selection are given at latest on Friday 18 June 2021. Student selection from reserve places ends at latest on 2 August, 2021.

The entrance examination course is organized on the e-learning environment provided by SAMK. The instructions for registering to the e-learning environment and logging into the entrance examination course are sent to the e-mail address given during the course enrolment.

It's recommended to enroll for the course so, that the applicant can start the course on Monday 29 March 2021. It's allowed to enroll for the course until 7 April 2021, at 3.00 p.m. Finnish time, but it may be challenging to complete the course in shorter time than it's been planned.

The entrance examination course is an online course of 5 ECTS credits belonging to the curricula of the degree programme. The subject of the course is given to those who enroll for it. Applicants who are selected to the degree programme and who confirm their study place will have the course included to their degree studies. Other applicants who complete the course acceptably will receive a certificate of completed open university studies.

Students are not sent any reminders about applying in SAMK Admission II or enrolling for the entrance examination course. Enrolling for the course is not considered to be application or initiating application.

### Accessible student admission – special arrangements for entrance examinations

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

## SCHEDULE APPENDIX

### Deadlines for submitting certificates, appendices etc. in spring 2021

#### BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES – SAMK ADMISSIONS 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](mailto:admissions@samk.fi).

Document	SAMK Admission I 7 January – 20 January, 2021	SAMK Admission II 10 March – 31 March 2021
Finnish qualification: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>2) Matriculation examination grades of those who took their matriculation examination in or after 1990</li> <li>3) Copies of matriculation examination certificates of those who took their matriculation examination prior to 1990 to be submitted to the admissions office</li> <li>4) 2<sup>nd</sup> year study certificates and transcripts of records</li> <li>5) Original qualification certificates to be checked</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 July 2021</li> <li>2) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board</li> <li>3) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 January 2021</li> <li>4) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 January 2021</li> <li>5) at the beginning of studies</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 July 2021</li> <li>2) obtained directly from the Matriculation Examination Board</li> <li>3) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021</li> <li>4) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021</li> <li>5) at the beginning of studies</li> </ol>
International matriculation examination (IB, EB, RP): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>2) Copy of the final certificate of applicants who complete an RP or EB diploma during the application period</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 January 2021 * by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 July 2021</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021</li> <li>2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 July 2021</li> </ol>

(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, 28 January 2021	1) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021
2) original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	2) at the beginning of studies	2) at the beginning of studies
3) 2 <sup>nd</sup> year study certificates and transcripts of records	3) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 January 2021	3) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021
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, 28 January 2021	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021
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 <a href="http://Opintopolku.fi/Studyinfo.fi">Opintopolku.fi/Studyinfo.fi</a> ):	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 January 2021	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021

## 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](mailto:admissions@samk.fi).

Document	SAMK Admission II 10 March – 31 March 2021
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 Wednesday, 7 April 2021  2) at the beginning of studies
Qualifications taken outside Finland:  1) Degree completed and a copy of the final degree certificate, together with an official translation saved in the application form  2) original diplomas and original official translations to be checked	2) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021  3) 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 2021  4) by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021  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, 7 April 2021
Any changes to work experience information affecting eligibility to be saved in the application form.	by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 April 2021

## SCORING APPENDIX

### Conversion Table of International Matriculation Exams

#### European Baccalaureate (EB)

Subject	Grade			
	7,00–10	6,00–6,99	5,00–5,99	4,00–4,99
English, L2	6	5	3	1
English, L3-L5	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, advanced	6	5	3	1
Mathematics, basic	4	3	1	-

#### International Baccalaureate (IB)

Subject	Grade			
	5 – 7	4	3	2
English, Language A	6	5	3	1
English, Language B	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Language A, Finnish/Swedish)	6	5	3	1
Further Mathematics, HL/SL, Theoretical Mathematics HL/SL, Applied Mathematics HL	6	5	3	1
Applied Mathematics SL	4	3	1	-

#### Reifeprüfung (RP)/Deutsche International Abitur (DIA)

Subject	Grade			
	8 - 15	7	5 – 6	4
English, advanced	6	5	3	1
English, B1-B3	3	2	1	-
Mother tongue (Finnish/German)	6	5	3	1
Mathematics	6	5	3	1