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# Migration and Urban Displacement

How migrants and refugees are included in communities and higher education within urban European areas

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# Getting ready - A higher education preparatory program for immigrants

Study and language skills for immigrants to get admitted in higher education in Finland

# Urban challenge

- Vision for higher education and research in Finland 2030
  - One of the objectives of the Finnish Government Programme is **to raise the level of education** and competence among the population.
  - To **increase the skills** of immigrants to get in and study in higher education.
- According to the survey conducted by The Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC)
  - There is a **need for clarity and definition of common approaches** in order to increase the ability of immigrant people to enter higher education
- Finland needs migrants to address **the labour shortage in different sectors**, to improve the weakening of the dependency ratio caused by ageing of the population, and to attract more international talent and entrepreneurs to Finland.
- According to the Business Tendency Survey published by the Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK) and the Employment Outlook by Occupation published by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment there is a **shortage of** construction and real estate service **professionals** as well as social and healthcare sector **experts**.

# Getting ready - A higher education preparatory program for immigrants

The universities of applied sciences (UAS) are responsible for organizing training courses for immigrants in higher education. The supply of training courses, application processes, content and scope varies from one UAS to another. **There is a need for clarify and definition of common approaches in order to increase the ability of immigrant people to enter higher education** and to take into account the development needs of Finnish as a Second Language (S2) teaching in a higher education community.

As a result of the project, the availability, flexibility, choice and effectiveness of advanced training for immigrants will increase. As a result of preparatory program, **more and more immigrants have the skills to get in and study in higher education**. Thanks to common practices and recommendations, guidance will be uniform in the future, and higher education institutions will have common ways of organizing training courses.



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# Getting ready - A higher education preparatory program for immigrants

- The target group of the project is persons with an immigrant background who benefit from **the development of learning abilities and language skills** when applying for higher education; eg studies in progress
- Professional Finnish language courses (options: Business Economics, Social Services and Health Care, Engineering, Multidisciplinary) available in preparatory program are also **offered for international scholars** and anyone else at Open Universities of Applied Sciences **CampusOnline.fi** <http://campusonline.fi/en/> (number of study places: 20)



# Getting ready - A higher education preparatory program for immigrants

The aim of the project is to develop advanced training in higher education through the harmonization of the training process and principles of training and by preparing **national recommendations for preparatory education**.

In addition, the aim is to create an operational culture which furthers engaging integration in higher education institutions. The project will develop both the regional implementation of education and the joint implementation of higher education institutions by using digital methods.





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Circa 40 experts in the project.



# Online training

<https://studyinfo.fi/app/#!/koulutus/1.2.246.562.17.58873660102>

- Number of study places: **60**
- Application period: **5.12.2018 – 21.12.2018**
  
- Study period: **1.4.2019 - 30.9.2019**
- Language of instruction: **Finnish**
- Extent of the study programme: **30 ECTS credits**
- Teaching time: **Day time teaching**
- Mode of teaching: **Distance teaching**
- Form of learning: **Online studies**



# Online training

Joint implementation of higher education institutions by using digital methods.

[www.valmentavakoulutus.fi](http://www.valmentavakoulutus.fi)

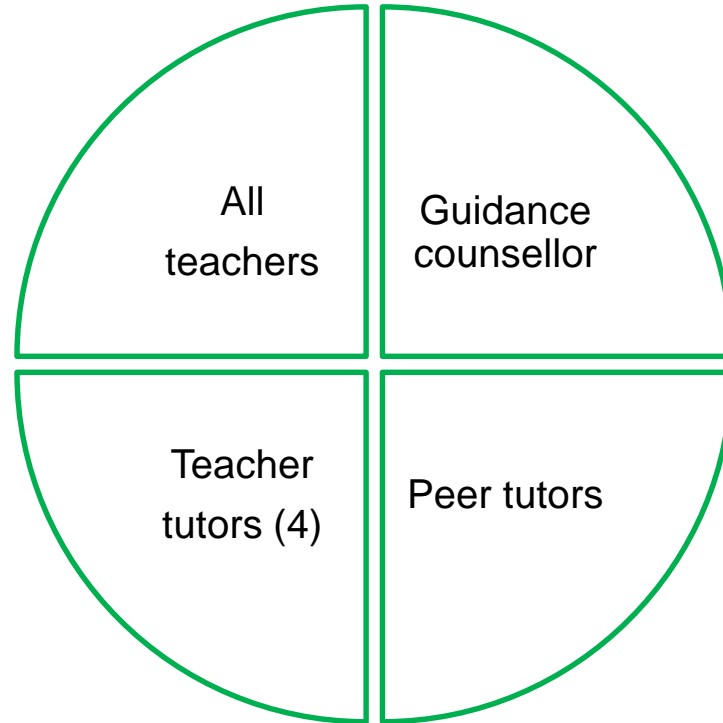
In 2019, immigrants can choose one of the following options:

- Business Economics
- Social Services and Health Care
- Engineering
- Multidisciplinary





# Shared guidance responsibility



# SIMHE blogs:

(Supporting Immigrants in Higher Education in Finland)

- Various variables –blog (in English)

<https://blogit.metropolia.fi/variousvariables>

- Monta muuttujaa –blog (in Finnish)

<https://blogit.metropolia.fi/montamuuttujaa>



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