

UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES IN FINLAND

– Drivers of Professional Higher Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The core of a University of Applied Sciences education is practice-oriented, applied and professional higher education with strong connection and co-operation with industries, society and small businesses.

The educational offering of the 26 Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) is extremely diverse:

- Bachelor's Degrees
- Master's Degrees
- Professional specialisation
- Supplementary education and training
- Open UAS education
- Vocational teacher training

The research, development and innovation (RDI) work conducted at Universities of Applied Sciences not only serves their own studies and development but also promotes working life and regional development as well as renews the economic structure of local and global society.

Universities of Applied Sciences have selected their areas of core competence and emphasis to benefit the labour market and businesses the best possible way and to support strengthening the national and international education and RDI of the UAS.

- Arcada UAS:** Nordic Collaboration, Health Promotion and Patient Safety, Functional Materials for Smart Solutions, Information Analysis (Big Data), Story Culture
- Centria UAS:** Multidisciplinary Service and Business Expertise, Development of Industrial Processes and Production Technologies, Information Networks and Content Production
- Diaconia UAS:** Sustainable Well-being and Health, Interpretation, Church Professions, Immigration and Multiculturalism
- Haaga-Helia UAS:** Service, Marketing, Entrepreneurship
- Helsinki Metropolia UAS:** Cleantech and Bio-economy, Well-being and Rehabilitation, Creative Economy and City Culture, Healthy Construction, Smart Technology
- Humak UAS:** Communities and Integration Competence, Youth Work and Guidance, Interpreting and Communication Competence, Producership and Cultural Management
- Häme UAS:** Sheet Metal Competence, Bio-economy, Smart Services, Professional Competence Management
- JAMK UAS:** Education Expertise and Business, Bio-economy, Applied Cyber-security, Multidisciplinary Rehabilitation
- Kajaani UAS:** Intelligent Solutions; Home Care, Experiential Activities, Business Operation Potential, Production Systems, Game and Measurement Applications
- Karelia UAS:** Renewing Well-being Services, Sustainable Energy Solutions and Materials
- Kyminlaakso UAS*:** Sustainable Well-being, Forest, Environment and Energy, Logistics and Seafaring, Digital Economy
- Lahti UAS:** Well-being and Renewing Growth, Smart Industry, Vital Environment, Design
- Lapland UAS:** Service Business and Entrepreneurship, Smart use of Natural Resources, Managing Distances, Security Competence, Arctic Co-operation and Cross-Border Expertise
- Laurea UAS:** Service Business, Health and Social Integrity, Coherent Security
- Mikkeli UAS*:** Sustainable Well-being, Forest, Environment and Energy, Digital Economy
- Novia UAS:** Health and Living Conditions of the Elderly, Sustainable Energy Technology, Natural Resource Management, Vessel simulation, Culture and Entrepreneurship
- Oulu UAS:** Future Health and Well-being, Energy, Natural Resources and the Environment, Intelligent Learning, Innovative Products and Services, Entrepreneurship and New Business Operations
- Police University College:** Internal Security
- Saimaa UAS:** Business from Innovation, Internationalisation and Growth of SMEs, Customer-oriented Social and Health Services
- Satakunta UAS:** Services for the Elderly, Seafaring, Automation and Industry 4.0
- Savonia UAS:** Renewing Machine and Energy Industry, Water Safety, Responsible Food Production, Applied Well-being Technology
- Seinäjoki UAS:** Food Solutions, Smart and Energy-efficient Systems, Participatory Well-being Services, Entrepreneurship and Growth
- Tampere UAS:** Entrepreneurship and New Business, Smart Machines and Devices, New Operating Models in Social and Health Services, Energy Efficient and Healthy Buildings, Pedagogical RDI
- Turku UAS:** Development of Well-being, Technical Innovation University of the Future, Innovation Pedagogics
- Vaasa UAS:** Export Industry Business Expertise, Smart Machines, Devices and Systems in Electrical Engineering; Promotion of Popular Health and Well-being
- Åland University of Applied Sciences**

*Kymenlaakso and Mikkeli UASs will merge in 2017 and form a new University of Applied Sciences (Xamk).

