

ARCADA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES



Your programme

Bachelor

- Pre-admission course: 15 cr
- Skills weeks: 5 cr
- Language courses: 10 cr
- Clinical practices: 25 cr
- Academic essay: 5 cr

Total: 60 cr ~ 1 year

+ Accreditation of Bachelor of Nursing: 150 cr

Total: 210 cr

Diploma

- Pre-admission course: 15 cr
- Skills weeks: 5 cr
- Language courses: 15 cr
- Clinical practices: 25 cr
- Methodology courses: 15 cr
- Thesis: 15 cr

Total: 90 cr ~ 1.5 year

+ Accreditation of Nursing Diploma: 120 cr

Total: 210 cr

The Academic Year

- The academic year starts in **August** and ends in **July**
- Every year students have to enrol for the year.
 - You are automatically enrolled for the first year (spring 2026)
 - **Deadline for tuition fee payment: 15 Aug 2026**
 - When you have paid you will automatically be enrolled for 2026-2027

Autumn Semester 2025

- Period 1: 1.8–26.10.2025
- Period 2: 27.10–31.12.2025

Spring Semester 2026

- Period 3: 1.1–22.3.2026
- Period 4: 23.3–31.7.2026

Programme for students with a bachelor

Autumn 2025

- pre-admission course
- Elementary Finnish

Spring 2026

- Nursing and Healthcare in Finland, part 2
 - On-campus Skills weeks: April 13-24
- Medication Administration and Patient Safety, part 2
- Finnish Society and Healthcare Legislation

Autumn 2026

- Nursing Swedish, Level A1
- Nursing Finnish, level B1
- Academic essay
- Clinical practices

Spring 2027

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Autumn 2026

- Nursing Swedish, Level A1
- Nursing Finnish, level B1
- English Academic Writing
- Clinical practices

Spring 2027

- Evidence based Care
- Basic Research Methodology
- Advanced Research Methodology
- Thesis
- Clinical practices

Arriving in Finland

- Get a residence permit
- Fly to Finland
- DVV registration
 - Fill out online form
 - Book appointment
- Apply for a Kela card
- Apply for ID card
 - At the police station
- Open bank account



Renewal of Residence Permit

- If you have been issued a residence permit that expires before you have graduated, you will need to apply for an extension
- **Apply before your current permit expires**, but don't apply too early. 2–3 months before expiration is a good time to start



Use information about Finland

Info Finland

- <https://www.infofinland.fi/>

International House Helsinki

- <https://ihhelsinki.fi/>
 - <https://ihhelsinki.fi/guides-and-resources/>

Information for international students at Arcada

- <https://start.arcada.fi/en/my-studies/new-student/international-degree-students>



Questions?

- Ask: nursingtutors@arcada.fi

