



From
Diploma
to Bachelor
in 1 year

**Top-up Bachelor's
degree programme**

**Social Services and
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Turku University of Applied Sciences is an innovative and multidisciplinary higher education institution in Finland, Northern Europe. The studies are work-life oriented, combining theoretical studies with professional skills. Turku UAS offers the kind of education that working life needs – both now and in the future.



Versatile opportunities in the field of social services

The Bachelor's degree in Social Services provides students with extensive abilities to work as social service professionals in social services and early childhood education, as well as in various roles in counselling, education, planning and development in health and wellness services.

The objective of the studies is to train creative and socially aware social service and early childhood education professionals who have reflective skills and a strong professional identity, and who value their own professional skills.

Our way of studying

The studies combine theory and practice with an exploratory approach. A key tool in professional development is reflection, which means that students take the time to critically examine and evaluate their actions. During their studies, students apply theories and research knowledge to practice in their practical training and project and development assignments.

Close cooperation with various working life partners ensures that Bachelor of Social Services students receive the best possible support and education for their future profession in early childhood education.

Become a future professional

As a Bachelor of Social Services in early childhood education, you

- understand the importance of a safe growth environment for children's overall well-being
- promote the fulfilment of children's rights
- support children's social inclusion and sense of community
- offer dialogical education, which is guided by the principle of supporting children to grow as individuals and as members of a community
- work in multi-professional work communities

Structure for studies

(75 ECTS, 1 year)

Two possible specializations:

1. Early Childhood Education
2. Social Work

Studies contain

- Theoretical studies
- Practical training
- Thesis

Separate application for August 2026 intake

Selection is based on one the diplomas eligible for the Top-up programme:

Temasek Polytechnic Diplomas

- Early Childhood Development & Education
- Psychology Studies
- Social Sciences in Gerontology

Ngee Ann Polytechnic

- Early Childhood Development & Education

Application period

1–15 April 2026

Applicants will be ranked in order of merit based on the arithmetic mean of their diploma grades.

The admission results will be published by 30 April 2026.

Tuition fee

Tuition fee EUR 12,000 per academic year for non-EU/EEA students

Application instructions

turkuamk.fi/separateapplications

Location

Kupittaa Campus in Turku, Finland

More information



turkuamk.fi/en/study-with-us/

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Why choose Turku UAS?

- High-quality education
- Effective combination of theory and practice
- Work-life oriented studies
- Highly educated and motivated teachers
- Vibrant student life
- Modern, student-friendly premises
- Graduates are innovative and independent-minded

Why choose Finland?

- World-class education system
- Everyone speaks English
- High standard of living
- Living close to the campus
- A safe, stable society
- Urban, high-tech society close to nature

The world-class universities operating in a high-tech society make Finland the forerunner of education.

