



Sosiaalialan AMK -verkosto

Competences of the Master of Social Services (AMK) Degree

The competences of the Bachelor of Social Services degree approved in April 2010 were the starting point in the definition of the competences in the Master of Social Services (AMK) degree. The competences are based on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) set for the degrees and on the development work carried out on the basis of it (e.g. Arene's degree programme project), changes in the field (recommendations for job descriptions) and the classifications made by the team on the degrees in the universities of applied sciences.

The competences have been drawn up as part of a project called The Expertise of Bachelor of Social Services in the Field of Social Work co-ordinated by Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences. The proposal was drawn up by a competence team with Tuula Rouhiainen-Valo (SAMK, chair), Teemu Rantanen (Laurea, secretary), Raija Hovi-Pulsa (LAMK), and Sirpa Tietäväinen (TAMK).

The proposal for the competences of the Master of Social Services (AMK) degree was drawn up 18 Apr 2010 and the AMK network then commented on the proposal. The comments were discussed in the competence team 17 Aug 2010. The Social Services AMK-network approved the competences 19 Aug 2010.



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Competence

Learning outcome

Professional skills

- Master of Social Services (AMK) is able to analyze social and global changes critically and to predict their social effects.
- Master of Social Services (AMK) can plan, manage and assess client processes and to evaluate their overall effects
- Master of Social Services (AMK) masters the theoretical concepts of social work, work approaches and methods
- Master of Social Services (AMK) is able to work independently in demanding professional tasks
- Master of Social Services (AMK) can operate in international co-operation networks

Research and development

- Master of Social Services (AMK) is able to assess the points of departure in R&D and understands the importance of ethical questions in all actions
- Master of Social Services (AMK) masters research and development methods and is able to develop the work practice by using evidence-based methods
- Master of Social Services (AMK) is able to develop his or her own actions and social work practice by reflecting experiential knowledge and by encouraging the citizens to participate
- Master of Social Services (AMK) can innovate, prepare and manage projects and assess their progression and effectiveness

Management skills

- Master of Social Services (AMK) understands the principles of strategic thinking, is familiar with a variety of quality systems and knows how to use and apply them in practice
- Master of Social Services (AMK) masters the basic principles of financial and personnel management and knows how to apply them in practice
- Master of Social Services (AMK) is able to manage and develop the functions of the work community and to promote well-being in co-operation with the staff
- Master of Social Services (AMK) is able to lead experts and to manage the development of services and social work practice in complex and unpredictable networks and settings