Prepare for your future studies!

Were you left without a study place?

Don’t worry, there are several options available!
Preparatory education for vocational training (Valma)

In preparatory education, you will acquire the required capabilities to apply for a place in vocational training or upper secondary school.

For who?
For persons who have completed their comprehensive education and want to improve their study skills before they pursue further education and training. Apply to Valma through the study path.

For adults who want to improve their readiness to study in vocational training, such as immigrants or those planning a career change, for example. Continuous application

What is involved?
You will follow an individual study plan, according to which you will:
• familiarise yourself with various professions and fields of study
• strengthen your studying capabilities and everyday life skills
• prepare yourself for working life in work practice periods.
• During the preparatory training, it is also possible to take vocational studies and complete permit and card training.
• The preliminary period for an apprenticeship can be part of the preparatory training. You can also transfer to apprenticeship training once you find a suitable apprenticeship training place.

Scope
The courses last for one school year, and the scope is 30–60 credits. You can start the studies flexibly even after the school year has started.

Preparatory training for general upper secondary education for immigrants (Luva)

In preparatory training for general upper secondary education, you will acquire the skills needed to apply for a place in general upper secondary education and succeed in your future studies in the best possible manner.

For who?
For immigrants and students with a native language other than Finnish who wish to pursue general upper secondary qualification and matriculation examination.

What is involved?
The course includes Finnish and English language studies needed in general upper secondary school, social and cultural studies, studies in mathematics and natural sciences as well as strengthening of studying capabilities. The course provides you with a realistic impression of upper secondary education, and it is possible for you to take actual upper secondary studies according to an individual study plan. You can also raise comprehensive school grades in most theoretical subjects.

Scope
The courses last for one school year, and the scope is at least 25 courses. Some of the applicants will be invited to participate in an entrance exam (a small test on study capabilities and an interview) at Vuosaari Upper Secondary School on Monday, 29 July at 10 am–3 pm. You can also take the entrance exam during the open day event in May; for more information, please visit the school website. If you are required to participate in the entrance exam, we will send you an invitation.

Additional comprehensive education (Tenth grade)

In tenth grade, you will acquire the required capabilities to apply for further education.

For who?
For young people in Helsinki who have completed their comprehensive education this year or last year. For those who wish to raise their comprehensive education grades in order to qualify for a study place.

What is involved?
You will get a chance to clarify your plans for future education.

You will get to strengthen your skills and knowledge as well as raise your grades.

You will get support in developing your life management skills.

The course may include comprehensive education subjects, project assignments, study visits and work practice.

Additional comprehensive education is organised by the City of Helsinki's comprehensive schools and Helsinki Vocational College.

Scope
The courses last for one school year, and the scope is 1,100 hours. All applicants will be interviewed in week 32, when the study placements and start dates for teaching periods will also be available.
Courses with a continuous application process

Workshops for young people
The workshops are intended for Helsinki residents under the age of 29. During a work training period that lasts an average of five months, you will get to work on exercise projects and commissions as well as develop your professional expertise. The workshops include: Media Immersion Workshop, Metal Workshop, ICT-Beginners, the textile and dye workshop, WooDoo Workshop, Villa Ullas and Café Aleksis. Workshops are also carried out in cooperation with businesses, such as Maunula House, Kinapori comprehensive service centre, Baiks and Musti ja Mirri. nuortentyopajat.fi

Helsinki upper secondary school for adults
In the Helsinki upper secondary school for adults, you can complete upper secondary school or comprehensive school qualifications, prepare yourself for the matriculation examination or take individual subjects. The studies are free of charge for people who are enrolled as students in an upper secondary school or comprehensive school or for students in upper secondary level institutions in Helsinki. For individual subjects, the study fee is €25/course. helsinginaikuislukio.fi

Apprenticeship training
Nearly all vocational qualifications and degrees can be completed through apprenticeship training. For the apprenticeship training, you can find a job that perfectly matches your interests. stadinammattiopisto.fi

Open studies at Helsinki Vocational College
Through open studies, you can start your vocational education in a flexible manner and familiarise yourself with various fields of study. In open studies, you will be studying part-time and for short periods of time. stadinammattiopisto.fi

Additional information
If you need support and advice in terms of study options, you can contact your school’s study counsellor, Ohjaamo (One-Stop Guidance Centre) or the admissions office of Helsinki Vocational College.

Ohjaamo (One-Stop Guidance Centre)
Ohjaamo Helsinki provides young people without a job or study place with extensive information and support with planning their future. Individual service without prior appointment. Address: Fredrikinkatu 48 (street level) Opening hours: Mon–Fri 12 noon–5 pm In summer 24 June–11 August 12 noon–4 pm Tel. weekdays 9 am–3 pm: 040 704 6818/09 310 25861 E-mail: ohjaamo@hel.fi ohjaamo.hel.fi

Helsinki Vocational College admissions office
The admissions office provides information on and help with applying for a study place and the continuous application process. Address: Hattulantie 2, 1st floor, FI-00550 Helsinki Opening hours: Mon–Fri 10 am–2 pm Tel. weekdays 09 310 89318, 10 am–2 pm E-mail: hakutoimisto@edu.hel.fi stadinammattiopisto.fi

Service point of the Education Division
Address: Töysänkatu 2 D, FI-00510 Helsinki Tel. weekdays 10 am–12 noon and 1–3 pm: 09 310 86400

Good luck with your future studies!