

# SEINÄJOEN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU SEINÄJOKI UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES



Health and wellbeing of children their families, 5 ECTS, 135 hours

HEALTHY KIDS

Programme

Finland is known for its excellent education system, pure food, high quality of life, good governance and children's health and wellbeing. City of Seinäjoki has a brilliant concept out of these high-brand ingredients for children's overall wellbeing.

# The purpose of the Healthy Kids programme aiming to the better health and wellbeing of children and their families, is to

- extend the expertise of professionals and decision makers to manage and develop expert organizations,
- manage and carry out demanding development projects and
- develop their own work.

### **TARGET GROUP**

The programme is intended for professionals, researchers, educators, decision makers, associations and entrepreneurs e.g. in the fields of health care, nutrition, city development and early, primary, vocational and higher education.

## **CONTENT OF THE PROGRAMME**

- 1) Health and wellbeing management by utilizing multiprofessional cooperation
- 2) Guidance based on customer needs, supporting healthy choices
- 3) Living environment supporting health and wellbeing
- 4) Family nutrition and health of children

   Food safety and nutritional quality
   innovations
- 5) Health benefits of physical activity of children and their families







- One-third of world population are overweight
- More than 2 billion adults and children globally are overweight and suffer health problems because of their weight
- The rate of overweight children has multiplied over the past decades
- An increasing number of people globally are dying from health problems linked to overweight
- Obesity increases morbidity e.g. type 2 diabetes, heart and vascular diseases, as well as numerous types of cancer
- Health expenses of an overweight person are 25 % higher than those of a person with normal weight

#### **COMPLETION OF STUDIES**

The programme can be implemented in Finland or in the customer's country of origin. Various e-learning methods can be used in the flexible implementation of the programme, which can be tailor-made based on the customer needs.

Multiprofessional working method in the "Seinäjoki Healthy Kids" model offers a solution to promote health and wellbeing of children and their families, and to end childhood obesity, which is a global problem. The good achievements have also brought international recognition to the City of Seinäjoki.

The Healthy Kids concept demonstrates that prevention is possible and costeffective. The results prove that a single municipality or organization can set targets for wellbeing and fulfill them doing consistent work to promote wellbeing and health of the population. The concept is a duplicable model that can be transferred and adopted into various environments.

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# SeAMK Introduction

Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences (SeAMK) is a multidisciplinary institution of higher education and an efficient actor in education and research, development and innovation in the region of South Ostrobothnia in West Finland.

The number of full-time students is 4800 and academic and other staff members 350. SeAMK has 19 Bachelor and 7 Master degree programmes.