

KP

SOCIAL PEDAGOGY AND EDUCATION

An international course
at University College
Copenhagen-KP,
Copenhagen - Denmark

PEOPLE WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS

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COPENHAGEN

INTERNATIONAL COURSE

20 OR 30 ECTS

University College Copenhagen-KP offers an academic course in professional work within the special needs area.

We invite students from abroad and from Denmark who are enrolled in social education/ social work or teachers' training programmes. Students must have completed 2 years at BA level before entering the course and have a high level of English language abilities.

AIMS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COURSE:

- Insight in professional work within the special needs area.
- Insight in and knowledge about different target groups and different working methods.
- Experience in conducting comparisons between professional work within the special needs area, in Denmark and other countries – and in that way come to challenge your own traditions.
- Insight in and knowledge about issues regarding ethics and human rights for people with special needs.
- Developing skills in Intercultural understanding and communication.
- Competences in working with methods in drama, arts and nature pedagogy.

STUDY METHODS

Study methods will vary between lectures, text reading, fieldstudy, self-directed work in groups, presentations and paper-writing supported by tutorials.

The student must be prepared to work independently, but also to collaborate with other students in groupwork, presentations etc.

PART ONE

20 ECTS:

DANISH TRADITION FOR PROFESSIONAL WORK AND SOCIAL PEDAGOGY

An introduction to Danish history and the Danish tradition of social pedagogy and special needs education. The Danish Tradition for professional work module consists of lectures, groupwork, selfstudy and a wide range of didactical methods.

INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

Studying in an intercultural classroom is a great opportunity to develop your intercultural understanding and your skills for tackling cultural differences. The Intercultural Understanding lessons will provide a basic understanding of the infrastructure of intercultural communication and cultural meetings, as well as challenge prejudices and cultural hierarchies through working with practical dilemmas.

THEORIES AND METHODS WITHIN THE FIELD OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

We will look into various perspectives on working with people, who are physically or mentally challenged – this includes language & communication, understanding of needs, skills and possibilities, view of humanity, ethical dilemmas etc. Diagnoses will be discussed as one perspective among others.

FIELD STUDY AND FIELD VISIT

An option for having a field study spending time in a Danish pedagogical institution for People with Special Needs with either children, young people or grown up people. You will be supported by English speaking professionals. The Field Study is an opportunity to observe and study 'hands on' work with People with Special Needs and to experience examples of the Danish tradition of professional work in practice.

PART TWO

10 ECTS:

During your stay, you are to write a portfolio that consists of different short written assignments.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP

The Human right and citizenship module will focus on how to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities towards participation, inclusion and empowerment.

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

The Creative workshops module will focus on the Danish pedagogical tradition of working with aesthetical and creative mode of expressions within the field of People with Special Needs. You will get the possibility of working with drama, arts and nature pedagogy and be introduced to different experiences and methods in relation to this work.

WRITTEN GROUP ASSIGNMENT IN PROFESSIONAL WORK, WITHIN THE FIELD OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The aim of the assignment is to allow you to work with an individually chosen topic, related to the International Course.

Based on your written assignment you make an oral presentation with a chosen focus from the assignment.

ETHICAL DILEMMAS AND NARRATIVE PERSPECTIVES

After almost four months in Denmark, at the course "People with Special needs" you can choose to continue part two, focusing on ethical dilemmas and narrative perspectives. Through narrative theory, theory about ethical positions and dilemmas, storytelling, life story, and social stories you will get both a theoretical framework and some tools in order to understand and develop your own professional practice.

Part two ends with an individual written assignment

ASSESSMENT

PART ONE 20 ECTS

Portfolio that consists of different short written assignments, graded 'passed/not passed'. An oral presentation with a chosen focus based on the written assignments, graded with the ECTS scale.

PART TWO 10 ECTS

A larger paper graded with the ECTS scale.

RE-ASSESSMENT

In case of failing the assignments or in case of absence at the time of the presentations, the student is entitled to make a renewed attempt. The re-assessment will be arranged in the same manner as the regular assessment



ABOUT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COPENHAGEN-KP

KP offers bachelor degrees in Social Education, Teacher Education, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Relaxation and Psychomotor Therapy, Textile and Handicraft Design, and Danish Sign Language Interpretation.

For more information look at our website www.kp.dk/international

ACCOMMODATION

You can apply for accommodation. Once your application for the course has been accepted, you will receive an accommodation application form.

APPLICATION

Deadline for application:

- Students who need a visa: October 1st
- Students who do not need a visa: November 1st

You can find more information at www.kp.dk/international

VISA

Most students outside EU will need a visa to study in Denmark and Norway. See this link for further information and remember to send your application as early as possible.

um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/residenceand-or-work-permits/

ERASMUS+

For students arriving from countries within the EU, there will be an Erasmus supplement. Contact your local international office.

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