Education system in Finland

- **Basic education**
  - 7–16-year-olds
  - Comprehensive schools

- **Pre-primary education**
  - 6-year-olds
  - Early childhood education and care

- **Matriculation examination**
  - General upper secondary schools

- **Bachelor's degrees**
  - Universities

- **Master's degrees**
  - Universities

- **Doctoral degrees**
  - Licentiatic degrees
  - Universities

- **Polytechnic bachelor's degrees**
  - Polytechnics

- **Polytechnic master's degrees**
  - Polytechnics

- **Vocational qualifications**
  - Vocational institutions
  - *Also available as apprenticeship training

- **Specialist vocational qualifications**
- **Further vocational qualifications**

- **Duration in years**
  - 9
  - 3
  - 3.5–4
  - 1–1.5
  - 2
  - 1–0.5
Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Finland

• In Finland, more than 90% of students start upper secondary studies immediately after basic education.
• After VET, students can continue to higher education.
• VET:
  – 10 sectors of education,
  – App. fifty initial vocational qualifications with different competence areas
  – Usually 3 study years, with at least half a year of work-based learning
  – School-based training, apprenticeship learning or a combination of both, according to the students Personal Competence Development Plan

Vocational Education and Training in Finland
SASKY Municipal Education and Training Consortium

- The Consortium provides
  - Initial vocational education
  - Further vocational education
  - Specialist vocational education
  - Other forms of vocational education
  - General education

- Currently altogether 7 000 students, 550 members of staff

- 9 Vocational schools on 11 campuses all around Tampere and Satakunta regions
At SASKY Municipal Education and Training Consortium education is given in the following sectors of study:

- Arts and humanities
- Business, administration and law
- Natural Sciences, mathematics and statistics
- Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary
- Services
- Engineering, manufacturing and construction
- Health and welfare
- Information and communication technologies (ICT)
Operational idea

SASKY Municipal Education and Training Consortium provides work-life oriented training which supports the student's learning and vocational development into a responsible member of a society. Our wide-ranging activities further business and industry competitiveness and communal well-being.
Vision

SASKY Municipal Education and Training Consortium is a forerunner in national know-how and one that is able to self-reform and excite its students and staff. We are an internationally respected and trusted work-life companion. Our operations are based upon principles of sustainable development.

Values

• Customer-oriented approach
• Professionalism
• Responsibility
Schools and Colleges of the SASKY Municipal Education and Training Consortium

- Hämeenkyrö Vocational College, Parkano Vocational College, Osara Agricultural College
- Huittinen Business and Vocational College
- Ikaalinen Business College
- Ikaalinen College of Crafts and Design
- Ikaalinen Upper Secondary School
- Karkku College for Home Economics and Social Services
- Mänttä Regional Vocational Education Centre
- Pirkanmaa Upper Secondary School for Adults
- Parkano Adult Education Centre, Petäjä Regional Adult Education Centre
- Ruovesi Upper Secondary School
- Tampere College of Services
- Tyrvää College of Crafts and Design
- Vammala Vocational College
- Ylä-Satakunta Music Institute
Huittinen Business and Vocational College

- **Huittinen Campus:**
  - Located 76 km to the southwest from Tampere
  - 250 students
  - Business and Administration, Information and Communications Technology

- **Kokemäki Campus:**
  - Located 99 km to the southwest from Tampere
  - 280 students
  - Animal Attendant, Gardener, Plumber, Rural Entrepreneur
Hämeenkyrö Vocational College

- Located 35 km to the west from Tampere
- Around 300 students in Hämeenkyrö and Parkano campus and 140 students at Osara Agricultural College
- In Hämeenkyrö: automation assembler, builder, cook, electrician, machinist, plater-welder, process operator, pre-vocational studies and vehicle mechanic
- In Parkano: machinist, practical nurse
- In Osara: natural resources producer, natural resources advisor and rural entrepreneur
Ikaalinen Business College

- Located 55 km to the west from Tampere
- 150 students
- Business and Information, Information and Communications Technology
- Soon moving to brand new facilities located at the same campus as Ikaalinen College of Crafts and Design and Ikaalinen Upper Secondary school
Ikaalinen College of Crafts and Design

- Located at 55 km to the west from Tampere
- 400 students
- 16 different fields, 3 of them unique in Finland:
  3D-printing and Modelling, Arts and Crafts Course Instructor, Building Restoration, Cabinet Making, Clothing, Exhibition Construction, Furniture Restoration, Glassblowing, Glass Jewellery Design, Guitar Making, Gunsmithing, Metalwork, Scale Model Building, Stained Glass, Textiles, Graphic Design
- The largest college of crafts and design in the Nordic Countries
Karkku College of Home Economics and Social Services

- Located 48 km to the west from Tampere
- 160 students
- Housekeeper, Practical Nurse, Property Maintenance Operative, Site Facilities Operative
Mänttä Regional Vocational Education Centre

- Located 96 km to the northeast from Tampere
- 615 students
- Aircraft Maintenance Technician, Automation Assembler, Barber, Beauty Therapist, Builder, Business and Administration, Cook, Hairdresser, ICT technician, Information and Communications Technology, Machinist, Plater-Welder, Practical Nurse, Receptionist, Vehicle Mechanic, Waiter, Site Facilities Operative
Tampere College of Services

- Located in Tampere
- 380 students
- Baker-confectioner, Barber, Cook, Hairdresser, Housekeeper, Information and Communications Technology, Practical Nurse, Site Facilities Operative, Waiter
Tyrvää College of Crafts and Design

- Located 53 km to the southwest from Tampere
- 100 students
- Goldsmithing, Interior Decoration, Set Construction
Vammala Vocational College

• Located 53 km to the Southwest from Tampere
• 550 students
• Baker-confectioner, Barber, Beauty Consultant, Beauty Therapist, Builder, Cook, Electrician, Electronics Assembler, Hairdresser, Joiner, Machinist, Plater-Welder, Small Machinery Mechanic, Stonemason, Vehicle Mechanic, Waiter
General Education

Petäjä Regional Adult Education Centre
• Handicraft, ICT, languages, music, visual arts, wellbeing etc.

Pirkanmaa Upper Secondary School for Adults
• General upper secondary studies both as contact lessons and as e-learning

Ruovesi Upper Secondary School
• General upper secondary studies; e-sports, riding and veterinary studies programmes

Ylä-Satakunta Music Institute
• Music studies for different target groups
Sasky’s areas of excellence
Sasky’s model awarded in a competition organised by the Finnish National Agency for Education

11.10.2016, Sasky won the first prize in the competition for the Best Practices in Vocational Education and Training organised by the Finnish National Agency for Education. The theme of the competition was Co-operation with the World of Work and the Impact of Training. There were 151 contestants, the best 5 of which were awarded.

"A learning environment purchased together with the world of work, enriched with expanded on-the-job learning."
European level recognition for Sasky’s brilliant Entrepreneurship Education models

The TOY Model was selected among the best entrepreneurship education models in Europe by ECOOPE in 2018. Sasky’s entrepreneurship education models have gained a lot of national recognition too.

FREE resources

@Europe in my region has selected SASKY’s project “3D Boost ja 3D Invest” among the top five at the #RegioStars competition within the award category “Smart Specialisation for SME Innovation”.

RegioStars 2017
Finalist
#Regiostars

The award ceremony was organised in Brussels 10.10.2017 as part of the European Week of Regions and Cities.
#EURegionsWeek
Active international co-operation

- Sasky was awarded the VET Mobility Charter in 2015
  - We send around 100 students abroad every year, mainly to Europe and Russia
  - Staff mobility 40-50 / year
  - The number of incoming students is declining, but the incoming staff is on the increase (128 in 2018)

- The development project Perfect Match was selected as European Commission’s success story in 2016.
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