Master of Medical Science (Two Years) in Occupational Therapy, Nursing or Physiotherapy with an optional specialisation in Work Environment and Health or Gerontology

120 higher education credits    Second cycle    MAMEV

Programme Description

The aim of the programme is to provide students with in-depth knowledge and understanding, skills and abilities and judgement and approach in the main fields of occupational therapy, nursing or physiotherapy. The interprofessional design of the programme is intended to reinforce and develop abilities for cooperation between professional groups, nationally as well as internationally.

The objective of the programme is to prepare students in the three main fields for qualified professional practice in the health services, for research and for development work in the public and private sectors.

The programme is introduced by a compulsory course in scientific methodology. The independent project (degree project) course is also compulsory. Otherwise, however, the programme is a framework for elective second-cycle courses, enabling students to select courses according to individual needs and competencies. Some courses need to be taken in a predetermined order. Several courses are online courses with only a few meetings on campus in Lund. An increasing number of the courses are taught in English. A completed Master’s programme can be included in a PhD (third cycle) programme.

A degree of Master of Medical Science (Two Years) in Occupational Therapy, Nursing or Physiotherapy is obtained when students have successfully completed the course requirements of 120 second-cycle credits, of which at least 60 credits must be in the main field, including an independent project (degree project) of 30 credits.

For the specialisations students are required to complete 30 credits in the main field, 30 credits in the specialisation and 30 credits for an independent project (degree project) combining the main field and the specialisation. The Nordic Master degree in Gerontology (www.jyu.fi/nordmag) can be awarded if a total of at least 30 credits in gerontology are divided between the universities of Iceland, Jyväskylä and Lund.
Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme, students must have reached the outcomes specified for a degree of Master in the Higher Education Act and the system of qualifications in the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100 with later amendments, appendix 2).

Knowledge and understanding
For a degree of Master (Two Years) students must
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in their main field of study (occupational therapy, nursing or physiotherapy), including both broad knowledge in the field and substantially deeper knowledge of certain parts of the field, together with deeper insight into current research and development work; and
- demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge in their main field of study.

Skills and abilities
For a degree of Master (Two Years) students must
- demonstrate an ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations, even when limited information is available;
- demonstrate an ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate issues and to plan and, using appropriate methods, carry out advanced tasks within specified time limits, so as to contribute to the development of knowledge and to evaluate this work;
- demonstrate an ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing, in national and international contexts; and
- demonstrate the skill required to participate in research and development work, or to work independently in other advanced contexts.

Judgement and approach
For a degree of Master (Two Years), students must
- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in their main field of study (occupational therapy, nursing or physiotherapy), taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work;
- demonstrate insight into the potential and limitations of science, its role in society and people’s responsibility for how knowledge is used; and
- demonstrate an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge.

Independent project (degree project)
For a Degree of Master (Two Years) students must have completed an independent project (degree project) worth at least 30 higher education credits in their main field of study and, when applicable, their specialisation. The independent project may comprise less than 30 higher education credits, but not less than 15 higher education credits, if the student has already completed a second-cycle independent project worth at least 15 higher education credits in their main field of study, or an equivalent project in a foreign educational programme.
Local Learning Outcomes

For a degree of Master (Two Years) student must also

- demonstrate the ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate questions in an interprofessional context
- for the specialisation in work environment and health, take a critical and independent position to in-depth knowledge in the specialisation
- for the specialisation in gerontology, take a critical and independent position to in-depth knowledge in the specialisation

Course Information

An individual study plan is drawn up for each student. The programme begins with a compulsory course in methodology. At least two more methodology courses are to be included in the study plan. The study plan must contain courses amounting to at least 30 credits in the main field. The independent project (degree project) course is compulsory. Other courses are elective. First-cycle courses comprising a maximum of 30 credits may be included in the degree. Most courses are interprofessional and part-time, with an option of taking them full-time.

Degree

Students who have completed and passed courses, as specified above, corresponding to 120 higher education credits are, on application, awarded a degree of Master of Medical Science (Two Years) with a Major in Occupational Therapy, Nursing or Physiotherapy with an optional specialisation in Work Environment and Health or Gerontology.

Students who have completed and passed courses corresponding to 60 higher education credits (at least 15 credits in the main field, an independent project (degree project) worth 15 credits and methodology and general courses) are, on application, awarded a degree of Master of Medical Science (One Year) with a Major in Occupational Therapy, Nursing or Physiotherapy.

Admission Requirements and Selection Criteria

Eligible students must have, in addition to basic eligibility for higher education studies, a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent (180 higher education credits, including an independent project worth 15 credits) in occupational therapy, physiotherapy, nursing or radiology nursing. For the specialisations prior knowledge and experiences in the relevant specialisation are desirable. Prior second-cycle courses in each main field and methodology and general courses may be counted towards the degree.

Places are allocated equally over the three main fields, unless other information is provided. If there are not enough applicants for one main field, the remaining places will be distributed over the other main fields. Selection takes place through academic credits and by the drawing of lots.