

Etelä-Kymenlaakso Vocational College

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- Etelä-Kymenlaakso Vocational College (Ekami) is a multi-disciplinary education institution with over 6,000 students
- The College organises vocational basic education and training for 2,380 students in Kotka – Hamina region
- Vocational Adult Education and apprenticeship training are both flexibly organised to meet the needs of the working life



- The college has approx. 4,300 students participating in Adult Education and Apprenticeship training, and 1,300 of them are engaged in studies leading to a diploma
- Ekami "Youth Workshops" annually organise workshop activities for over 200 young people in Kotka, Hamina, Pyhtää, Miehikkälä, and Virolahti.

The aims

- Ekami's objective is to be able to respond to the development of know-how in the region's working life
- Our goal is to train experts meeting the needs of the working life, to support individual development, and to participate in the development of the life of work

- Ekami's **personnel strategy** *Samassa veneessä* (In the Same Boat) was approved in 2010
- The EFQM-based **quality system** has been developed and the various actions have been described in the electronic system IMS
- Internal and external **evaluation** and **peer review** have been included in the quality work

Management

- Ekami's operation is divided among three profit centres led by **the Joint Educational Authority's** Director/Principal Mr Juha Reivilä
- **Vocational Basic Education and Training** is led by the Deputy Principal Ms Ulla Jaskari
- **Vocational Adult Education and Training and Apprenticeship training** is led by Deputy Principal Mr Sami Tikkanen
- the workshop activities for young people (**The Youth Workshops**) are led by Workshop Director Mrs Virpi Jonsson

- Ekami is the 10th largest employer in the area
- there are about 400 staff members
- In addition to teaching and workshop staff, Ekami has staff engaged in administration, real-estate management, student care, catering and teaching support
- the premises of Ekami are located in 5 campuses in Kotka and 1 in Hamina

Values

- The values guiding the activities are
 - being customer oriented
 - being responsible
 - communality (working together)

- **The objective of vocational basic education and training** is to provide the students with the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to engage in self-reliant practicing of their chosen vocations
- **A further objective** is to support the students' development into good, balanced people, and members of society

Education and Training organised by Ekami

Ekami organizes

- Vocational Basic Education and Training leading to 24 Vocational qualifications
- **Vocational Start training, Education and Training Coaching Immigrants** for vocational courses of study, **Preparatory and Rehabilitative Education, Training and Guidance**
- Vocational basic education and training is also open to senior secondary school graduates
- Vocational and senior secondary school studies can be performed simultaneously

The structure of qualifications

- The scope of the degree is 120 credits (1 credit corresponds to a student's average 40 hour work input).
- 90 credits are made up of the vocational parts of the qualification and learning-at-work
- 20 credits are made up of elements supporting vocational studies (e.g. Math, English, Swedish, Mother Tongue)
- 10 credits are made up of freely elective elements
- Studies take place mainly at schools and colleges, but at least 20 credits are earned by participating in on-the-job learning

The Basic Vocational Qualifications and Study Programmes organised by Ekami

Business and Administration sector

Vocational Qualification in Business and Administration (Merkonomi)

Study Programme

Business Administration

Customer Services and Marketing

Vocational Qualification in Business Information Technology

Study Programme

Information Systems Development (Datanomi)



Tourism, Catering and Home Economic Sector

Vocational Qualification in Tourism Industry

Study Programme

Tourism Sales and Information Services, Travel Counsellor

Vocational Qualification in Hotel and Restaurant Services

Study Programmes

Restaurant Services, Cook

Restaurant Services, Waiter/Waitress

Vocational Qualification in Household and Consumer Services

Study Programme

Household Services

Vocational Qualification in Cleaning Services

Study Programme Cleaning Services (Special Needs Education)



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Technology and Transport Sector

Vocational Qualification in Construction

Study Programme

Construction, Builder

Earthmover Operation, Earthmover Operator

Vocational Qualification in Building Maintenance technology

Study programmes

Heating, Plumbing and Ventilation Engineering, Heating, Plumbing
and Ventilation Fitter

Property Maintenance, Property Maintenance Operative

Vocational Qualification in Electrical Engineering

Study programmes

Automation Technology and Maintenance, Automation Assembler

Electrical Engineering and Energy Technology, Electrician

- Vocational Qualification in Information and Telecommunication Technology

ICT Assembler

Technology and Transport Sector

Vocational Qualification in Metal Work and Machinery

Study programmes

Manufacturing Technology, Machinist

Manufacturing Technology, Mechanical Fitter

Manufacturing Technology, Plater - Welder



Technology and Transport Sector

Vocational Qualification in Surface Treatment Technology

Study programme

Painting, Painter

Vocational Qualification in Wood processing

Study programme

Joinery, Joiner



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Technology and Transport Sector

Vocational Qualification in Vehicle technology

Study programmes

Vehicle Body Repairs, Vehicle Body Repairer

Vehicle Technology, Vehicle Mechanic

Vocational Qualification in Food Production

Study programme

Baking, Bakerconfectioner



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Technology and Transport Sector

Vocational Qualification in Seafaring

Study programmes

Deck and Engine Repairing, Repairer

Deck Officers, Deck Officer

Engineering Officers, Watchkeeping Engineer Officer

Vocational Qualification in Logistics

Study programmes

Transport Services, Driver

Storage Services, Warehouse Operative



Health and Social Services Sector

Vocational Qualification in Social and Health Care (Practical Nurse)

Study Programs

- Emergency Care
- Care for the Disabled
- Care for the Elderly
- Children's and Youth Care and Education
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Welfare Work
- Nursing and Care
- Oral and Dental Care
- Rehabilitation

Vocational Qualification in Hairdressing

Study programme

- Hairdressing



Culture Sector

Vocational Qualification in Crafts and Design

Study Programme

Textiles and Clothing Design and production, Artesan

Textiles Design and production, Artesan

Vocational Qualification in Music

Study Programme

Music Performance, Ensemble/Orchestra Musician, Accompanist, Singer

Vocational Qualification in Boat-building

Study programme

Boat-building, Artesan



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Other studies and opportunities

- Vocational Upper Secondary school + Senior Secondary School
 - minimum 40 credits of senior secondary school studies
 - 80 credits of vocational studies
 - a possibility to pass a Matriculation Examination

Other studies and opportunities

- Vocational Start
 - prepares young people to start their basic vocational studies
 - possible to improve comprehensive school grades
 - duration 1 academic year

Other studies and opportunities

- VALMA

prepares immigrants to start basic vocational education

scope 40 credits (August – May)

Other studies and opportunities

- Sports Academy

students aiming at becoming top athletes or sportsmen are able to combine sports and vocational studies

students are allowed to participate in organised morning trainings during lessons

Other studies and opportunities

- Preparatory and Rehabilitative Education, Training and Guidance
 - for young people who need plenty of special support
 - the training strengthens skills and knowledge needed in vocational studies and helps a student to clarify future plans
 - suitable for young people who have completed the comprehensive school but need special support in daily routines, in doing homework, in building up self-confidence and who are in risk of exclusion from the society

Campuses and Units

- **Koteko** campus (Kymenlaaksonkatu 29, 48100 Kotka)
- **Katariina** campus (Lehmustie 4, 48100 Kotka)
- **Hamina** campus (Erottajankatu 21, 49400 Hamina)
- **Malminki** campus (Malminkinkatu 6 – 8, 48600 Kotka)
- **Höyrypanimo** unit / Kymi Conservatory (Metsontie 41, 48220 Kotka)
- **Mussalo** Unit (Kärkisaarentie, 48310 Kotka)



Read more

- <http://www.ekami.fi/english>

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