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SUMMARY OF COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NURSING & SOCIAL SERVICES TRACK

A. Orientation to Academic Studies

Credits: 2 ECTS
Grading Scale: Pass or Fail

Description: This course is your starting point for the Pathway to Finland program and higher education studies. It covers essential study skills like time management, independent study, goal setting, and teamwork. You'll learn to navigate Claned, the digital learning platform, and other tools used in Finnish higher education. Plus, you'll create your own study plan and set goals for the semester ahead.

Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion, students will:

- Understand how to improve your study skills
- Feel confident managing your studies independently and staying motivated
- Be proficient in using online learning platforms and other tools
- Set personal learning goals and use different learning strategies effectively.

B. Academic Communication

Credits: 2/5 ECTS
Grading Scale: 0-5

Description: This course is designed to enhance your English speaking and listening skills for higher education. You will engage in group discussions, deliver presentations, and complete listening exercises to improve your communication abilities. You will track your progress through self-assessment, identify challenges, and reflect on your learning journey. Peer assessment will allow you to receive and provide feedback on presentations, gain valuable insights, and learn to offer constructive criticism. This course will refine your communication skills and feedback techniques, helping you succeed in an academic setting.

Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion, students will:

- know how to plan and deliver presentations on different academic topics
- be able to communicate effectively and confidently in English in academic situations
- understand the main content and essential details of academic lectures

- apply different listening strategies according to the purpose
- be able to interpret what people are saying in various academic contexts
- know how to engage in discussions about different topics
- be able to express thoughts and opinions, including giving constructive feedback in an academic setting
- engage in self-reflection regarding their own work and academic development

D. Enter Finland – Finnish 1
Credits: 7 ECTS
Grading Scale: 0-5

Description: This Finnish beginner course (A0-A1.1) is designed for Edunation Pathway students without prior knowledge of Finnish. The course covers all four language skills—reading, writing, listening, and speaking—starting from the basics. You'll pick up essential vocabulary, simple sentence structures, and useful phrases for everyday situations. You'll also get an introduction to Finnish culture and society through interactive activities like conversations, role-plays, multimedia, and gamification. Classes are held online twice a week via Zoom.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of the course, students will achieve level A1.1 proficiency, enabling them to:

- Know the Finnish alphabet and phonetics.
- Ask and answer basic personal questions.
- Can use simple verbs and formulate questions with them.
- Understand simple conversations and texts on familiar topics such as personal information, family, and weather.

E. Live Finland – Finnish 2
Credits: 6 ECTS
Grading Scale: 0-5

Description: This Finnish beginner course (A1.2-A2.1) is designed for Edunation Pathway students who have completed the A0–A1.1 course. The course focuses on developing all four language skills—reading, writing, listening, and speaking—by expanding basic vocabulary, learning new sentence structures, and practicing everyday scenarios. Instruction includes interactive exercises like conversation and drama, multimedia resources, and gamification activities, with an introduction to Finnish culture and society. Classes are held online twice a week via Zoom.

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Learning Outcomes:
By the end of the course, students will achieve level A1.2/A1.3 proficiency, enabling them to:

- Master the Finnish alphabet and phonetics.
- Ask and answer basic personal questions.
- Can use simple verbs and formulate questions with them.
- Understand simple conversations and texts on familiar topics such as personal information, family, time, and weather.
- In simple and routine situations, such as in a grocery store, engage in basic interactions.

E. Finnish 3

Credits: 7 ECTS

Grading Scale: 0-5

This is a beginner-level Finnish course tailored for nursing students. The course incorporates all four language skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. It covers basic vocabulary, simple sentence structures, and useful phrases to manage everyday situations in nursing. The course also includes a comprehensive study of various functional nursing Finnish themes and exercises, with a focus on vocabulary, structures, and assignments suitable for beginner learners (A1.2 to A2.1). The course encourages learners to engage confidently with Finnish, preparing them for interactions with both staff and patients in professional environments. The course also uses a variety of engaging methods, including conversation, drama, videos, and gamification, to help students practice a wide range of nursing-related vocabulary in realistic scenarios. The classes are conducted online twice a week via Zoom.

Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Identify body parts and describe basic physical senses.
- Engage in simple dialogues with patients, including asking about their condition, describing procedures, and forming questions.
- Discuss symptoms, medical history, and allergies in basic conversations and texts.
- Describe pain relief methods and relevant medical vocabulary.
- Conduct phone conversations with patients, including spelling and managing basic conversations.

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G. Intercultural communication,
Credits: 3 ECTS
Grading Scale: Pass or Fail

Description:
This course delves into intercultural communication to comprehend key concepts from an interdisciplinary perspective. Topics covered include cultural value orientations, language, cultural diversity, and cultural identity. Students will explore themes such as culture shock and adaptation processes, aiding their preparation for life in a new country. Students will enhance their intercultural communication skills through collaborative projects in multicultural groups. The course encourages reflection through learning diaries, fostering self-awareness of cultural identity and an appreciation for others' cultural identities.

Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion, students will:

- Understand the fundamental principles of intercultural communication.
- Discuss intercultural communication issues from a global perspective.
- Demonstrate competence in working within multicultural study and work environments.
- Appreciate and embrace cultural diversity.
- Gain insight into their own and others' cultural identities.
- Be better prepared for life in a new country.