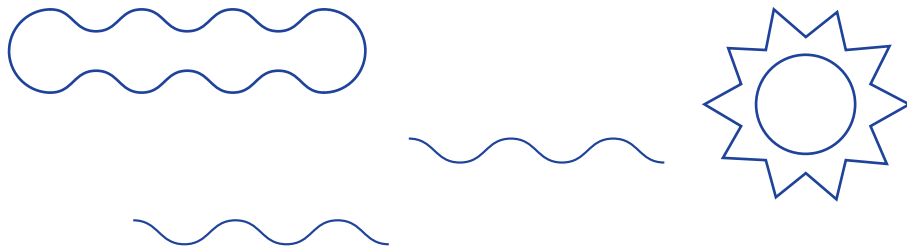


BASIC EDUCATION PATHWAY FOR ADULTS



KUOPIO

BASIC EDUCATION FOR ADULTS (over 17 years)

Are you at least 17 years old? Do you have a history of discontinued basic education or no basic education? Do you need a basic education certificate for further studies? Basic education for adults is the right choice for you!

Basic education for adults is the pathway to completing basic education and improving Finnish language skills. Basic education for adults comprises three phases: **literacy training phase, introductory phase, and final phase**. You will begin your studies at the phase corresponding to your language proficiency level and educational background. Upon the successful completion of your studies, you will receive a certificate of basic education, making you fully eligible to apply for general upper secondary and vocational education and training.

You can apply for basic education for adults in spring using the joint application form, or at other times, directly to the institution. The starting phase of your education will be determined by your language proficiency level and educational background.

Literacy training phase

- Target group: over 17-year-olds with weak or no literacy skills in Finnish
- Goal: developing reading and writing skills in Finnish
- Duration: approximately 1 year
- Organizer: Kuopio Community College
- Eligibility for further studies: Introductory phase

Introductory phase

- Target group: over 17-year-olds with basic literacy skills in Finnish
- Goal: Finnish language development and study skills to proceed to the final phase
- Duration: approximately 1 – 1.5 years
- Organizers: Kuopio Community College and Northern Savonia Folk High School
- Eligibility for further studies: Final phase

Final phase

- Target group: over 17-year-olds who can read and write in Finnish, but do not have the certificate of basic education
- Goal: basic education certificate
- Duration: approximately 1.5 – 2 years
- Organizers: Kuopio Upper Secondary School for Adults and Northern Savonia Folk High School
- Eligibility for further studies: preparatory studies for general upper secondary (LUVA), preparatory education for vocational education (VALMA), general upper secondary or vocational education and training

WHY?

- Same starting point as others when applying for education: general upper secondary, vocational education and training, or preparatory education.
- Easier to change fields if your first choice of further studies does not seem right for you.
- Language proficiency develops. This helps you to attain your desired study place or job, and is a bonus for coping in Finnish society.
- Your study skills will improve. This will help you to cope better with further studies and gives you a better chance of finishing your degree. A degree makes it easier to apply for further education and find employment. It also provides more opportunities for longer employment and a better salary.
- Speeds up the process of applying for Finnish nationality.

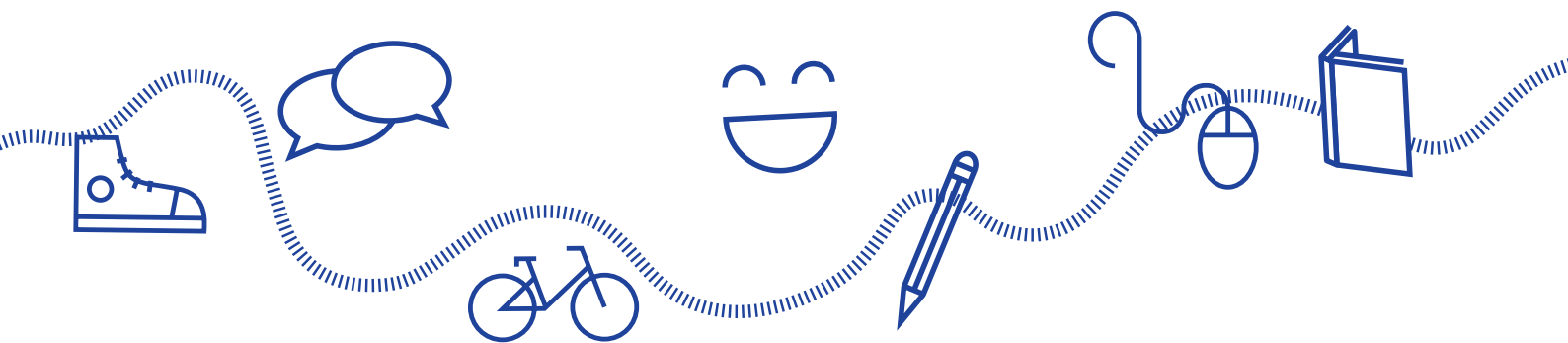


PREPARATORY EDUCATION FOR GENERAL UPPER SECONDARY (LUVA)

- Target group: immigrants and other foreign-language students who have completed the equivalent of Finnish basic education, but do not have sufficient proficiency in Finnish
- Goal: improving Finnish proficiency and the study skills needed in general upper secondary, prospect of studying individual subjects and raising grades in the basic education certificate
- Duration: 1 year
- Application: application to preparatory education after basic education, the applicant must have a residence permit
- Organizer: Kuopio Upper Secondary School for Adults
- Eligibility for further studies: general upper secondary (includes an option for vocational education and training)

PREPARATORY EDUCATION FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (VALMA)

- Target group: students aiming to continue their studies in vocational education and training
- Goal: improving Finnish proficiency and the diverse study skills needed in vocational education and training, prospect of taking vocational studies and trying out different vocational fields
- Duration: approximately 1 year
- Application: application to preparatory education after basic education
- Organizer: Savo Vocational College
- Eligibility for further studies: vocational education and training (includes an option for general upper secondary)



GENERAL UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION/ VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Goal: matriculation/vocational qualification, Finnish as a second language (S2) studies continue in support of studies
- Duration: approximately 3 years
- Application: joint application to vocational and general upper secondary
- Organizers: City of Kuopio and Savo Vocational College
- Eligibility for further studies: university and university of applied sciences

More information

Basic Education for Adults
kuopio.fi/en/maahanmuuttajat1

LUVA
kuopio.fi/en/lukiokoulutukseen-valmistava-koulutus

VALMA and Vocational Education and Training
sakky.fi/kuntayhtyma/english

General Upper Secondary Education
kuopio.fi/en/lukio-opetus