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VOCATIONAL COLLEGE



**Stop dreaming.**  
**Make it happen.**

**A modern and versatile vocational  
college in Northern Central Finland.**

# Welcome to Poke!

We offer the best paths to your future, whether it be towards a professional degree or continuing education.

Students receive personal study guidance and we believe in learning by doing. The student's individual needs are taken into consideration, and we also customize training for companies. Our graduates are in demand in the workplaces of Central Finland.

## Studying at Poke

The language of instruction at our school is Finnish and therefore we offer vocational qualifications in Finnish only. You are welcome to apply for a study place if you can speak Finnish well enough to be able to follow lessons in Finnish.

## Admission services

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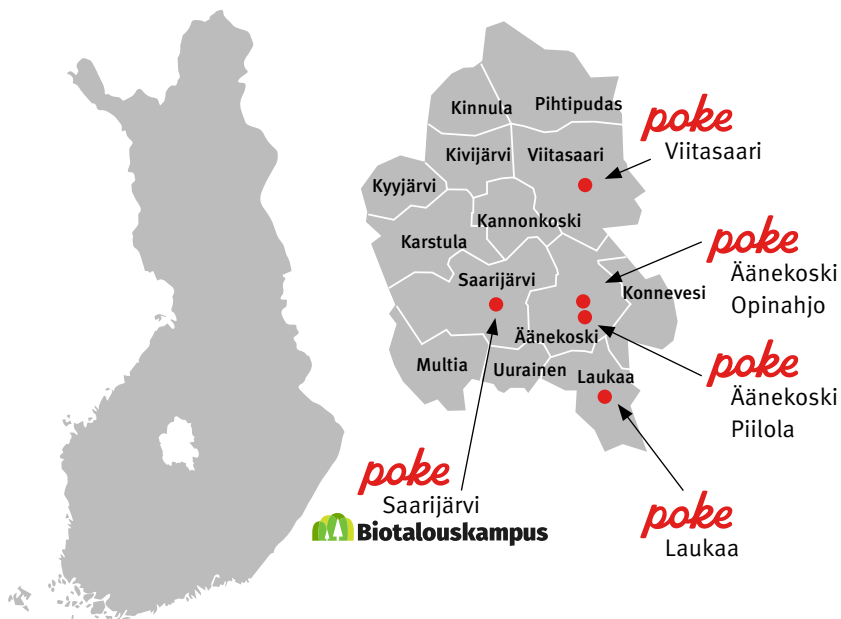
**2900**  
students

**230**  
employees

# We educate professionals in the following fields:

- Business and Administration
- Natural Sciences
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Services
- Technology
- Health and Welfare
- Information and Communication Technologies

We operate in 13 municipalities in Northern Central Finland. We have facilities in Äänekoski, Saarijärvi, Viitasaari and Laukaa, and we provide education throughout the Northern Central Finland region.





# Vocational education at Poke

**Vocational education teaches skills directly related to work, and part of the studies occur while learning in the working life**

Three types of qualifications: vocational upper secondary qualification, further vocational qualification, and specialist vocational qualification. Poke teaches all of these.

## Upper secondary qualifications

A vocational upper secondary qualification provides the basic skills required in the field.

## Vocational qualifications

A vocational qualification offers more in-depth skills and knowledge.

## Specialist vocational qualification

A specialist vocational qualification offers even more advanced competence.

## Preparatory studies for vocational education

The program helps students develop their study abilities and offers support in choosing educational and professional direction.

# Digital technology at Poke

We invest in digital technology that supports teaching and helps businesses in the region. Digital technologies are part of our studies every day. We do part of the training in the fields of forestry and logistics with simulators. At Äänekoski campuses we have two digital laboratories, Digilab and DigiAhjo. Students at Digilab create projects with companies as part of their studies. These projects bring up new technological and innovative solutions to various products or services.



These environments offer equipment to learn digital skills, for example

- AI training
- virtual reality creation
- augmented reality creation
- drones
- 3D modeling and printing
- laser engraving
- 360 content creation
- photogrammetry
- gamification
- video streaming and production
- motion capture
- robotics and computer vision



# Internationality

## **Broaden your professional horizon.**

POKE offers its students and staff the opportunity to internationalise with help of Erasmus+ grants.

Students of Poke can do traineeship abroad in workplace. International mobility is primarily recommended for people aged 18 or over. Duration minimum 2 weeks, max. approx. 3 months, recommended approx. 6 weeks.

Foreign students are welcome to do part of their studies or training here with help of Erasmus+ grants. We offer dormitory accommodation at Äänekoski and at Saarijärvi.

For more information, please contact Student mobility coordinator:

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# Facts of Finland

- The happiest country in the world
- 5.6 million inhabitants
- 75% of Finland is covered with forests
- 56 000 lakes
- 1/3 of the territory of Finland lies north of the Arctic Circle
- Many Finns speak good English
- Climate:  
Subarctic to temperate,  
with cold winters and mild  
summers





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