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Health and Care

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAMME

In our interconnected and complex society, there has never been a more exciting time to pursue a career in healthcare. Our innovative and engaging courses will help you develop a deeper understanding of the present and future challenges faced in a modern, cross-cultural healthcare environment by healthcare professionals, with a clinical placement that enables you to practice applying the knowledge you have acquired so far.

TEACHING FORMAT

We offer a combination of practical and theoretical subjects, aimed at helping to create tomorrows healthcare professional. You will be coached and supervised throughout and focus is on your autonomy and initiative.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Our incoming programme Health and Care 'Spring' is aimed at students who study one of the following subjects: Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Midwifery, Oral Hygiene, Audiology, Podiatry and Speech and LanguageTherapy.

PERIOD

Spring Semester (February-June).

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

You should have obtained a minimum B-level of English and be able to participate in conversational English during the learning activities. A certificate is required. Knowing Dutch is a great advantage when it comes to internship placements.

SERVICES

Our student support services can help and support you in every step of your journey to and at Artevelde UAS, such as finding suitable accommodation, language courses, enrolment procedures, and social activities.

Further details:
https://www.arteveldehogeschool.be/en/studying-artevelde-university-applied-sciences/starting-your-studies

HOW TO APPLY

Once you have decided to apply for our Healthcare Studies programme, you need to be nominated by your international coordinator at your home university. Next, you need to complete our Online Mobility Application to enroll yourself as an incoming exchange student. Then you will receive information from our International Office on how to register for your programme.

Further details:
https://www.arteveldehogeschool.be/en/enrolment/enrolling-exchange-student

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

We only accept students from partner universities. If you are an individual student interested in studying with us, please check with your international office first to see if we have an agreement with your home institution.
Students from our partner universities can access the different programmes free of charge.

REGISTRATION

Your international office will need to nominate you. They will be able to do so from 1 September. Nominations are welcome until 15 October. Online registration by the student is possible until 1 November.



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HEALTH AND CARE

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DETAILED OVERVIEW FOR ALL COURSES

Midwifery - Nursing - Oral Hygiene - Occupational Therapy - Audiology - Speech and Language Therapy - Podiatry

OBJECTIVE

The main aim of our incoming programme is to give you the opportunity to experience your profession in an international context.

ORGANISATION

For most of your time with us, you will be completing an internship.

The organisation of the internship varies for each bachelor's programme. You can find more information about this on the dedicated pages for each programme.

The Welcome Week and one course are compulsory for all incoming international students.

You can also choose to take additional optional courses. The options available will depend on your bachelor's programme.

WELCOME WEEK

You are expected to arrive by 1 February at the latest. During the first week, you will have the opportunity to meet international students from across the university. You will receive lots of important information during this week.

We also organise welcome activities to help you get to know other students, the city and our campuses, and to familiarise you with how we work at Artevelde University (AUAS).

Each student must also undergo a mandatory health check, which will be arranged in this week. For this check, you will need to provide the results of a Hepatitis B antibody test that you have taken at home.

COMPULSORY COURSE

Your internship will start shortly after Welcome Week. During this time, you will also take part in collaborative online learning with students from AUAS and South Africa. The COIL programme is called 'Person-centred communication in an intercultural context'.

Expanding globalisation and the expansion of the European Union, with greater freedom of movement means that healthcare professionals will, increasingly, be working with colleagues and clients/patients from different countries and cultures.

Our programme offers a unique opportunity to meet students and staff from other countries, cultures and professional backgrounds to discuss and debate issues concerning the present and future role of healthcare workers.

We hope that your participation in this programme will turn out to be an exciting learning experience for you and will challenge both your professional and personal development.





OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

PROGRAMME

Timing	Course	Qualification	ECTS
1 - 5 February	Welcome week	Mandatory	-
8 February – 19 March	COIL – on Monday and Friday	Mandatory	3
10 February – 7 May	Internship	Mandatory	15
Friday 19 March till Friday 26 March (Saturday included - Sunday is free day - 7 working days) Blended during the month of March and live during the last week of March	International Module on Paediatric Rehabilitation (With Ghent University)	Mandatory	3
Sunday 24 January till Friday 29 January (Sunday included - 6 working days) **Warning**: the live part takes place in Ghent before the Welcome week! You also need to be available for the blended part during the month of January.	Interdisciplinary Programme on Palliative and End-of-Life Care (IPPE)	Optional You can choose this but be aware of the timing!	3

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Timing	Course	Qualification	ECTS
10 – 14 May	Advancing in occupational justice	Optional	3
14 – 21 May Blended during the month of May and live one week in May with accommodation at external training centre in Dworp.	Summer course on the use of creativity and occupational therapy	Optional	3



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

INTERNSHIP

Timing	ECTS	
Placement start in week of 8 February, first internship day on Wednesday. • External internship weeks are from 10 February until 9 April. • Easter holiday => 29 March – 9 April 2027 is also an internship period for incoming OT students. • After the Easter holidays, internship @campus days with placement related coursework and ICFO days (International Collaboration on free time occupations). *No internship in the week before Easter holiday (because of the mandatory course International Module on Paediatric Rehabilitation)*	15 ECTS **Assessment:** Ongoing assessment of skills, attitude and knowledge. Completed by supervisor (host institution) in consultation with the student.	**What will you learn** • Experience the challenge of working in a setting that is culturally different to your own and where, due to language barriers, new communication skills are developed. • Develop an occupational therapy intervention with a client while becoming part of a multi-disciplinary team. • Understand new roles and skills while applying your own individual knowledge and skills in a professional environment that may not be available to you in your home country.

REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in their third year or above of an occupational therapy programme, having completed a minimum of 140 ECTS prior to arriving in Belgium.
- Students must have a B2 level of English or Dutch and be able to provide an official certificate to demonstrate this.



ORAL HYGIENE

PROGRAMME

Timing	Course	Qualification	ECTS
1 - 5 February	Welcome week	Mandatory	-
8 February – 19 March	COIL – on Monday and Friday	Mandatory	3
8 February - 9 April	Internship	Mandatory	6-9
Friday 19 March till Friday 26 March (Saturday included - Sunday is free day - 7 working days) Blended during the month of March and live during the last week of March	International Module on Paediatric Rehabilitation (With Ghent University)	Optional	3
Sunday 24 January till Friday 29 January (Sunday included - 6 working days) **Warning**: the live part takes place in Ghent before the Welcome week! You also need to be available for the blended part during the month of January.	Interdisciplinary Programme on Palliative and End-of-Life Care (IPPE)	Optional You can choose this but be aware of the timing!	3

ORAL HYGIENE

INTERNSHIP

Timing	ECTS	
Placement start in week of 8 February, between 8 February and 9 April. The possibilities and exact dates are determined by the student's preferences and availability and the placement opportunities available. Easter holiday => 29 March – 9 April is also an internship period for incoming oral hygiene students.	6-9 ECTS **Assessment:** Ongoing assessment of skills, attitude and knowledge. Completed by supervisor (host institution) in consultation with the student.	**What will you learn** You will work alongside various colleagues within the oral care team and receive guidance from an internship mentor and an internship supervisor. The focus is on working independently. Develop your intercultural and international competences by experiencing cultural differences, reflecting on them and comparing professional practice in your home country with professional practice in Belgium/Flanders.

REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in their third year or above of an oral/dental hygiene programme, having completed a minimum of 140 ECTS prior to arriving in Belgium.
- Students must have a B2 level of English or Dutch and be able to provide a certificate to demonstrate this.

AUDIOLOGY

PROGRAMME

Timing	Course	Qualification	ECTS
1 - 5 February	Welcome week	Mandatory	-
8 February – 19 March	COIL – on Monday and Friday	Mandatory	3
8 February – 9 April	Internship	Mandatory	6
Sunday 24 January till Friday 29 January (Sunday included - 6 working days) **Warning**: the live part takes place in Ghent before the Welcome week! You also need to be available for the blended part during the month of January.	Interdisciplinary Programme on Palliative and End-of-Life Care (IPPE)	Optional You can choose this but be aware of the timing!	3



AUDIOLOGY

INTERNSHIP

Timing	ECTS	
Placement start in week of 8 February/ • 08 February - 09 April • 7 weeks external internship • 1 week internship@campus • 200 hours external Easter holiday => 29 March – 9 Apr 2027 The first week is a holiday week. The second week is an internship week for incoming AUD students.	6 ECTS **Assessment:** Ongoing assessment of skills, attitude and knowledge. Completed by supervisor (host institution) in consultation with the student.	**What will you learn** The content of the internship depends on the agreement made with the contact of person of the sending Institute (= the Institute of the incoming student). This can be in the field of Clinical Audiology (+ Vestibulometry) and/or Hearing Aid Fitting (+ CI) and/or Preventive Audiology and/or Hearing Rehabilitation, in children and/or in adults. Develop your intercultural and international competences by experiencing cultural differences, reflecting on them and comparing professional practice in your home country with professional practice in Belgium/Flanders.

REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in their third year or above of an audiology programme, having completed a minimum of 140 ECTS prior to arriving in Belgium.
- Students must have a B2 level of English or Dutch and be able to provide a certificate to demonstrate this.



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

PROGRAMME

Timing	Course	Qualification	ECTS
1 - 5 February	Welcome week	Mandatory	-
8 February – 19 March	COIL – on Monday and Friday	Mandatory	3
8 February – 9 April	Internship	Mandatory	9-12
Friday 19 March till Friday 26 March (Saturday included - Sunday is free day - 7 working days) Blended during the month of March and live during the last week of March	International Module on Paediatric Rehabilitation (With Ghent University)	Optional	3
Sunday 24 January till Friday 29 January (Sunday included - 6 working days) **Warning**: the live part takes place in Ghent before the Welcome week! You also need to be available for the blended part during the month of January.	Interdisciplinary Programme on Palliative and End-of-Life Care (IPPE)	Optional You can choose this but be aware of the timing!	3

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

INTERNSHIP

Timing	ECTS	
Placement start in week of 8 February/ • Between 8 February - 9 April The possibilities and exact dates are determined by the student's preferences and availability and the placement opportunities available. Easter holiday => 29 March – 9 April The Easter holiday might be an internship period for incoming speech and language students.	9-12 ECTS **Assessment:** Ongoing assessment of skills, attitude and knowledge. Completed by supervisor (host institution) in consultation with the student.	**What will you learn** The content of the internship depends on the agreement made with the contact of person of the sending Institute (= the Institute of the incoming student). Develop your intercultural and international competences by experiencing cultural differences, reflecting on them and comparing professional practice in your home country with professional practice in Belgium/Flanders.

REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in their third year or above of a speech and language therapy programme, having completed a minimum of 140 ECTS prior to arriving in Belgium.
- Students must have a B2 level of English or Dutch and be able to provide a certificate to demonstrate this.



NURSING

PROGRAMME

Timing	Course	Qualification	ECTS
1 - 5 February	Welcome week	Mandatory	-
8 February – 19 March	COIL – on Monday and Friday	Mandatory	3
10 February - 7 May	Internship	Mandatory	12-18
Friday 19 March till Friday 26 March (Saturday included - Sunday is free day - 7 working days) Blended during the month of March and live during the last week of March	International Module on Paediatric Rehabilitation (With Ghent University)	Optional	3
Sunday 24 January till Friday 29 January (Sunday included - 6 working days) **Warning**: the live part takes place in Ghent before the Welcome week! You also need to be available for the blended part during the month of January.	Interdisciplinary Programme on Palliative and End-of-Life Care (IPPE)	Optional You can choose this but be aware of the timing!	3

NURSING

INTERNSHIP

Timing	ECTS	
Placement start in week of 8 February/ 12 ECTS (300 h = 8 weeks) 18 ECTS (450 h = 12 weeks) The possibilities and exact dates are determined by the student's preferences and availability and the placement opportunities available. Easter holiday => 29 March – 9 April The Easter holiday might be an internship period for incoming nursing students.	12 -18 ECTS **Assessment:** Feedback and evaluation at the midpoint and end of each period. This is done using an assessment form with specific criteria and outcomes. The assessment is carried out by the Nursing programme supervisor in consultation with the student and the placement mentor.	**What will you learn** The content of the internship depends on the agreement made with the contact of person of the sending Institute (= the Institute of the incoming student). Develop your intercultural and international competences by experiencing cultural differences, reflecting on them and comparing professional practice in your home country with professional practice in Belgium/Flanders.

REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in their third year or above of a nursing programme, having completed a minimum of 140 ECTS prior to arriving in Belgium.
- Students must have a B2 level of English or Dutch and be able to provide a certificate to demonstrate this.

MIDWIFERY

PROGRAMME

Timing	Course	Qualification	ECTS
1 - 5 February	Welcome week	Mandatory	-
8 February – 19 March	COIL – on Monday and Friday	Mandatory	3
8 February - 9 April	Internship	Mandatory	12
Sunday 24 January till Friday 29 January (Sunday included - 6 working days) **Warning**: the live part takes place in Ghent before the Welcome week! You also need to be available for the blended part during the month of January.	Interdisciplinary Programme on Palliative and End-of-Life Care (IPPE)	Optional You can choose this but be aware of the timing!	3



MIDWIFERY

INTERNSHIP

Timing	ECTS	
Placement start in week of 8 February: • 8 February - 9 April • 7 weeks external internship • 1 week internship@campus • 300 hrs in total Easter holiday => 29 March – 9 April The Easter holiday might be an internship period for incoming midwifery students.	12 ECTS **Final assessment:** completed by mentor (ward) and supervisor (Artevelde) in consultation with the student using the Medbook tool.	**What will you learn** Develop your autonomous clinical thinking and learn to perform risk selection and conduct midwifery skills in a delivery, maternity or neonatology ward. Develop your intercultural and international competences by experiencing cultural differences, reflecting on them and comparing professional practice in your home country with professional practice in Belgium/Flanders.

REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in their third year or above of an midwifery programme, having completed a minimum of 140 ECTS prior to arriving in Belgium.
- Students must have a B2 level of English or Dutch and be able to provide a certificate to demonstrate this.



PODIATRY

PROGRAMME

Timing	Course	Qualification	ECTS
1 - 5 February	Welcome week	Mandatory	-
8 February – 19 March	COIL – on Monday and Friday	Mandatory	3
9 February - 23 April	Internship	Mandatory	10
Friday 19 March till Friday 26 March (Saturday included - Sunday is free day - 7 working days) Blended during the month of March and live during the last week of March	International Module on Paediatric Rehabilitation (With Ghent University)	Optional	3
Sunday 24 January till Friday 29 January (Sunday included - 6 working days) **Warning**: the live part takes place in Ghent before the Welcome week! You also need to be available for the blended part during the month of January.	Interdisciplinary Programme on Palliative and End-of-Life Care (IPPE)	Optional You can choose this but be aware of the timing!	3

PODIATRY

INTERNSHIP

Timing	ECTS	
Placement start in week of 8 February: • 10 ECTS = 58 WEEKS/ +- 250 hours The possibilities and exact dates are determined by the student's preferences and availability and the placement opportunities available.	10 ECTS **Assessment:** Ongoing assessment of skills, attitude and knowledge. Completed by supervisor (host institution) in consultation with the student.	**What will you learn** Put your clinical thinking and podiatry skills into practice in real contexts such as hospital, podiatric setting and Insoles Lab. Develop your intercultural and international competences by experiencing cultural differences, reflecting on them and comparing professional practice in your home country with professional practice in Belgium/Flanders.

REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in their third year or above of a podiatry programme, having completed a minimum of 140 ECTS prior to arriving in Belgium.
- Students must have a B2 level of English or Dutch and be able to provide a certificate to demonstrate this.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

COIL: Person-Centred Communication in an Intercultural Context

on Monday and Friday - between 8 February – 19 March



COLLABORATION

In this course, you will work together with students from the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa) and Artevelde University of Applied Sciences (Belgium).

HOW DOES THIS COURSE WORK

- Classes take place on campus and in a blended format (a mix of online and in-person learning).
- You mainly have classes on Mondays and Fridays in February and March. (5 weeks)
- You will collaborate online with your international group.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN

In this course, you will develop:

- your intercultural skills
- client-centred communication in a diverse context
- the ability to collaborate across disciplines and countries

YOU WILL LEARN THROUGH

- virtual reality experiences
- conversations and discussions
- challenges and assignments
- reflection and feedback

This will help you grow as a person and as a professional.

ASSESSMENT

- A group presentation with the South African students
- An oral presentation with a video, based on a written product report (built through several assignments)

International Module on Paediatric Rehabilitation (Ghent University)

Friday 19 March till Friday 26 March
(Saturday included - Sunday is free day - 7 working days)
Blended during the month of March and live during the last week of March

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN

- Focus on different aspects of early childhood development, medical interventions, and rehabilitation for children in a hospital setting.
- Focus on the rehabilitation of children with developmental and acquired brain injuries. (Loco-motor and neurological pathologies).
- No focus on learning disabilities or pervasive disorders.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

- No focus on learning disabilities or pervasive disorders.
- This course focuses on interdisciplinary work and is not degree specific.
- You will work with current case studies of children visiting the Children's Rehabilitation Centre at the University Hospital Gent, with cases including, but not limited to, congenital and acquired neurological and/or musculoskeletal injuries, burns, rare diseases, amputations, etc

ASSESSMENT
Presentation

Interdisciplinary Programme on Palliative and End-of-Life Care (IPPE)

Sunday 24 January till Friday 29 January
(Sunday included - 6 working days)
Blended during the month of January

ORGANISATION
Warning:

- *The live part takes place in Ghent before the Welcome week!*
- *You also need to be available for the blended part during the month of January. There is no fee for the course.*
- *Housing is offered for incoming international students in a youth hostel: 360 euro (including all housing, all lunches, welcome dinner, social evening and closing dinner, local transport).*
- Without housing: 75 euro (including all lunches, welcome dinner, social evening and closing dinner, local transport)

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN
IPPE focuses one end-of-life issues and quality of life. The programme wants to meet the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and practical needs of patients and caregivers from an interprofessional perspective. Introduction to palliative and end-of-life care / communication with clients / bereavement / family and environment / ethical issues related to end-of-life decisions and euthanasia / spiritual and existential pain / caregiver's perspective / intercultural issues / impact of COVID-19 on palliative care.

ASSESSMENT
Presentation

Advancing in occupational justice

10 May – 14 May

ORGANISATION
Online course together with students from Helsinki and Vienna.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN
Using the Participatory Occupational Justice Framework (POJF), you will learn how to analyse a community organisation to see if they are enabling, mediating and advocating for

occupational justice. In an international working group, you will critically analyse a community-based organisation, its contextual drivers and processes.

Assessment
Rapport

Summer course on the use of creativity and OT (residential course @Dworp)

Saturday 15 May till Thursday 20 May
Travel days: Friday 14 May and Friday 21 May
(Weekend included - 6 working days)

ORGANISATION

- Part 1: online sessions April
- Part 2: Intensive Programme: @Destelheide, Dworp

There is no fee for the course. Accommodation in the residential setting for AHS and incoming ERASMUS students: included: 285 Euro all included.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN

- Central themes in this intensive programme are the exploration of the 5 different creative thinking skills (delay judgement, observe creatively, develop your imagination, flexible association, diverge) while experiencing several creative media (drama, art, film, photo, movement and dance, sound and music)

We use creativity to support clients with physical, mental and psychiatric challenges. By 'clients', we mean children, young people, adults and older people. Meaningful action forms the basis of everything we do.

ASSESSMENT
Group presentation







MORE INFORMATION

Information ‘Healthcare Studies’
www.artevelde-uas.be > Programmes > Healthcare Studies

General information for exchange students
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