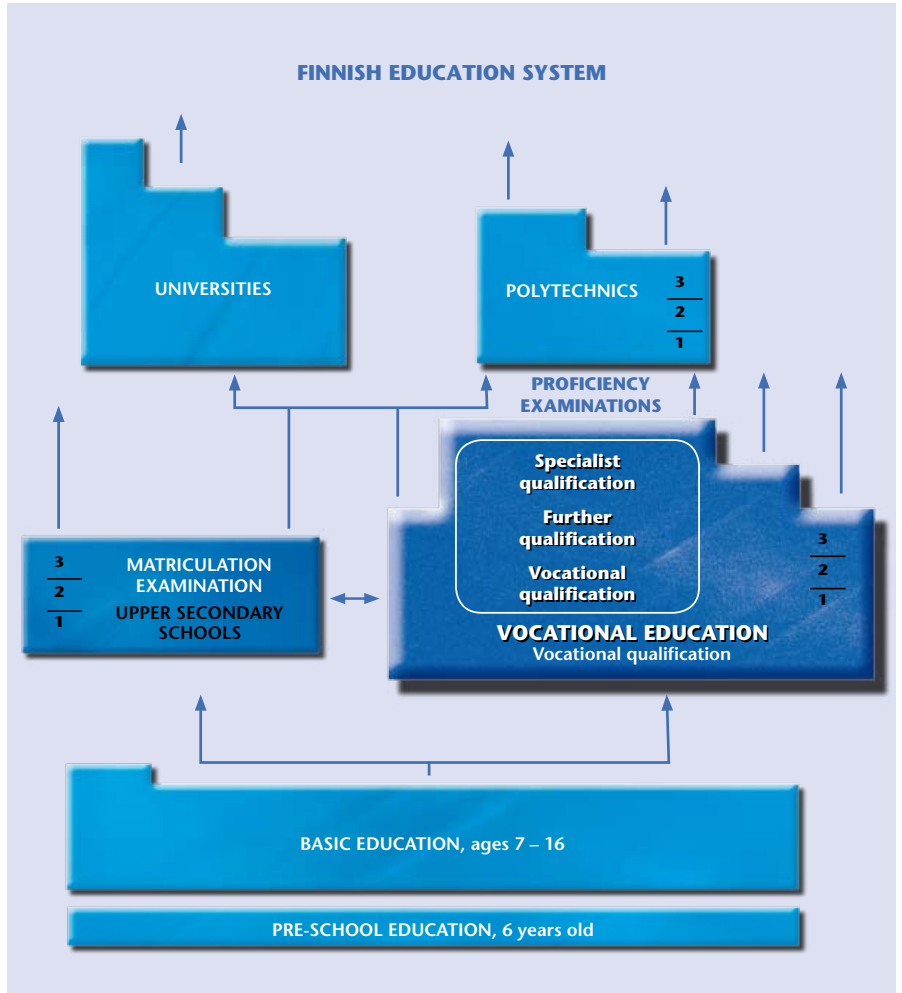




VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION IN

- Vehicle Technology and Logistics
- Machine and Metalwork
- Plastics and Laboratory Technology
- Electrical Engineering and Electronics
- Safety and Security
- Wood and Furniture
- Construction and Heating, Plumbing and Ventilation
- Landscape Industries
- Environmental Protection
- Natural Resources Sector
- Goldsmithing and Engraving
- Textile, Clothing and Interior Decoration
- Performing Arts
- Music
- Communication
- Business and Administration
- Business Information Technology
- Household and Consumer Services
- Tourism, Catering and Food Production
- Cleaning Services
- Youth and Leisure Instruction
- Health and Social Services
- Beauty Care
- Common Vocational Studies
- Upper Secondary School Studies
- Language and Culture Training
- Immigrant Training
- Preparatory Vocational Education and Training
- Vocational Special Needs Education

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OPERATES AS A STRONG JOINT VENTURE IN THE LAHTI REGION





SALPAUS FURTHER EDUCATION

Salpaus Further Education arranges vocational and upper-secondary school education and training for comprehensive school leavers and adults together with training, development and related services for businesses and organisations.

Salpaus also arranges apprenticeship training and personnel training courses for companies, as well as long and short follow-up courses for adults wanting to update their skills.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Today successfully completed 3-year vocational studies give general eligibility to pursue further studies at university level, which poses a great challenge; the education and training provided must give the knowledge and skills required to succeed at Polytechnic, University or School of Art.

The scope of the study programme is 120 credits (one credit being equivalent to a student's average study effort of 40 hours), including 90 credits for vocational studies and relevant on-the-job training, 20 for common studies and 10 for free-choice studies. Students can also carry out general subjects and combine them with a vocational training with the aim of passing the matriculation examination.

ON THE JOB TRAINING

The new 3-year training programmes include minimum six months of on-the-job training. Students obtain vocational core skills as well as learn to perform in different work communities. On-the-job training ensures that a vocational graduate's professional skills are up to the requirements and expectations of business life. It can be completed either in Finland or abroad.

CO-OPERATION WITH WORKING LIFE

- Training and development work
- On-the-job training
- Joint projects (national and EU funded projects)
- Training for on-the-job training counsellors
- Working life exchange periods for teachers
- Working life oriented final work assignments
- Anticipation and quantitative assessment of training needs
- Promotion of regional training co-operation
- Personnel training and tailored courses for businesses and public organisations
- Apprenticeship training
- Expert services and exchanges

THE PRIORITIES OF SALPAUS ARE

- development of vocational education and training (VET)
- co-operation with comprehensive schools, upper secondary schools and polytechnics
- regional development of business and working life
- national and international co-operation

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PROMOTE TEACHING AND LEARNING

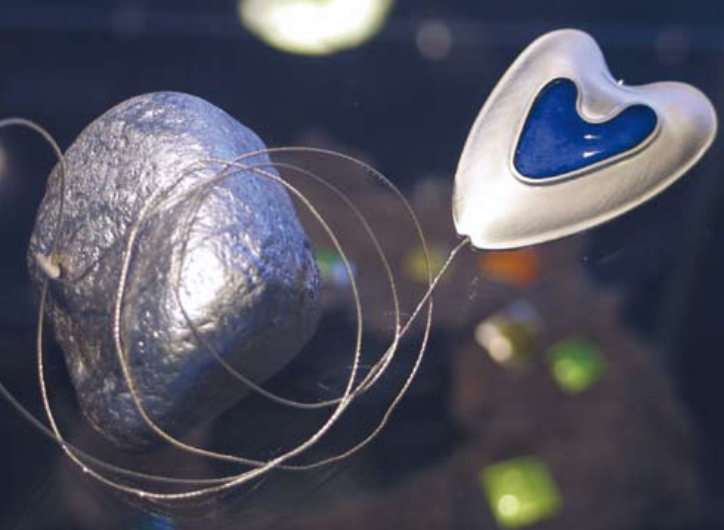
Local and regional pilot projects are launched in co-operation with the National Board of Education, The European Commission and Häme Economic and Employment Centre and the South-Finland Provincial Government.

Their main objective is to improve the quality and working-life compliance of vocational training, to develop online learning facilities and first of all to assist graduates enter working life or to continue their studies.

Regional development activities

Salpaus participates also in regional development activities and projects. It co-ordinates regional co-operation between upper-secondary schools and vocational colleges. Other areas of regional involvement include e.g. arranging training courses to meet specific labour market recruitment needs.





International activities

Salpaus Further Education has established a vast network of foreign partners in many countries and in its international activities Salpaus promotes

- international student mobility and exchange
- teacher mobility and exchange
- immigrant students' teaching and learning
- participation to EU funded education and development programmes VET (vocational education and training)
- participation in Nordic-funded cooperation in developing VET
- expert consulting services in projects
- International skills competitions, e.g. WorldSkills Competition 2007 in Japan.

Salpaus is also active in the Baltic countries and North-West Russia providing expert consulting services in these countries as well as developing curriculum contents and delivery through international exchange of students and staff.

Other areas of European co-operation include benchmarking and quality management, increased pan-European working life compliance, developing verification methods for informal and nonformal learning, e-learning, entrepreneurship and media literacy. Salpaus is an EfVET member (European forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training).

TARGET REGIONS AND PARTNERS of Salpaus international activities are

- Nordic countries
- Baltic states and North-West Russia
- European Union countries and accession countries
- China, India, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam

KEY FIGURES

- Operational revenues EUR 58 million (2005 budget), of which personnel costs account for 57%
- The number of VET and further training students exceeds 19 000 per annum of whom some 4800 strive for a vocational qualification and more than 200 for an upper-secondary school diploma.
- 1400 persons, or what have an apprenticeship training contract.
- More than 800 staff members, of whom 570 teachers

SALPAUS FURTHER EDUCATION AIMS AT BEING NO. 1 IN THE QUALITY OF LEARNING

Salpaus Further Education is an independent part of Lahti Region Educational Consortium.

Values

Salpaus Further Education is open, customer-oriented, responsible and trust-worthy in its operations.

Mission

Salpaus Further Education arranges vocational and upper secondary education and training as well as promotes development together with working life and other stake holders. This enhances regional, national and international development and welfare and life-long learning.



Dear Partner,

Success calls for cooperation on regional, national and international levels. It calls for partnerships with business life and other training organisations. Furthermore cooperation is needed between different sectors, experts and development objectives. – For us at Salpaus Further Education these multi-

level partnerships all aimed at one common objective create immense opportunities.

Our mission is to organise vocational education and training. The related regional, national and international research tasks we carry out together with our working-life partners. Salpaus organises secondary vocational and upper-secondary education as well as further training for adults in the Lahti Region and ranks the second in size in the country as a whole. So we can say that vocational education operates as a strong joint venture in the area.

Multi-sector operations, project and quality expertise are our strengths. We have a large number of development projects underway all the time. We are open to consider new development challenges in education and carry them out together with new and innovative international partners.

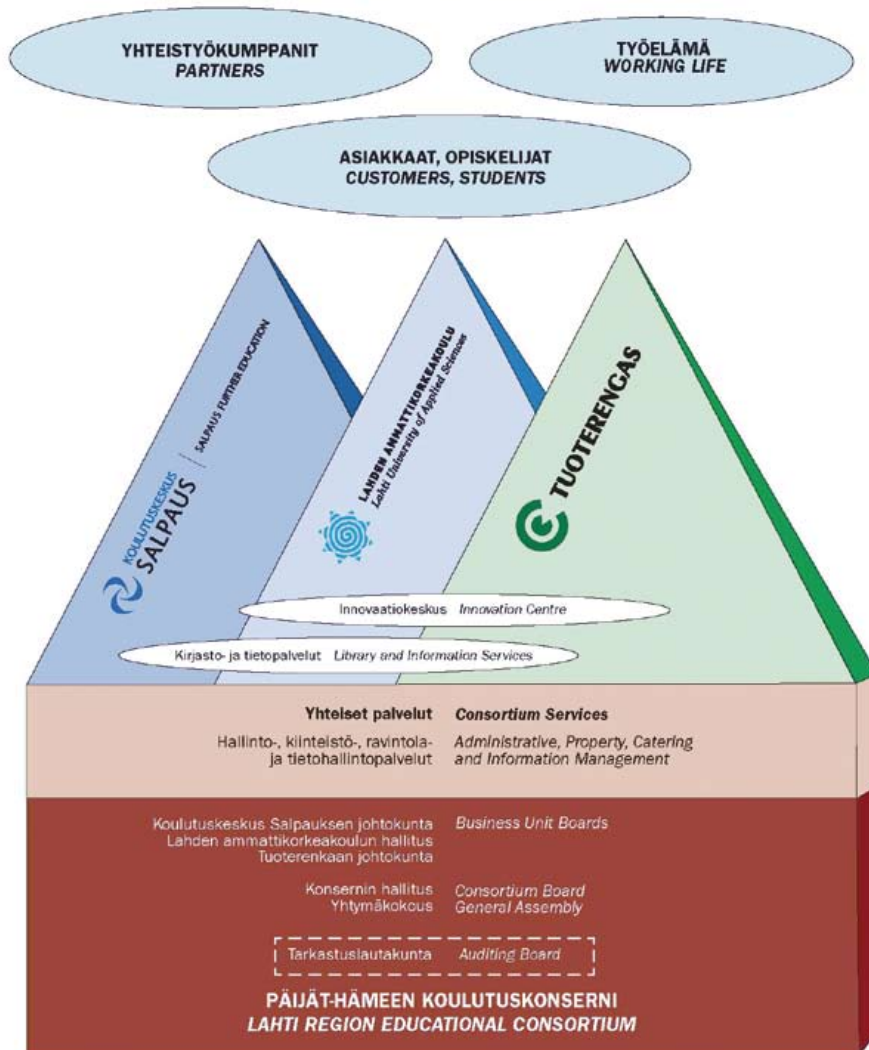
Joining forces makes us all stronger to face the challenges and seize the opportunities that our globalising world offers.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marita Modenius', written in a cursive style.

Marita Modenius
Principal



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Lahti Region Educational Consortium has three independent business units: Salpaus Further Education, Lahti University of Applied Sciences and Tuoterengas, Lahti Employment and Rehabilitation of the Disabled.



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