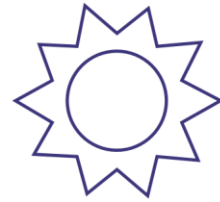


# BASIC EDUCATION PATHWAY FOR ADULTS



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 secondary education (TUVA)

#### 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 SECONDARY EDUCATION (TUVA STUDIES )

- duration: 1 year
- voluntary
- for pupils who do not have enough proficiency to start secondary education
- prospect of completing basic education studies or upper secondary courses
- improves Finnish language skills and increases the possibility of entry to general upper secondary schools
- free of charge for students who are obligated to study in Finland
- TUVAs studies are provided by Kuopio upper secondary school for adults and Savo vocational Collage

### More information

Basic Education for Adults  
[kuopio.fi/en/maahanmuuttajat1](https://kuopio.fi/en/maahanmuuttajat1)

TUVA studies

[TUVA-koulutus - Kuopion Aikuislukio \(onedu.fi\)](https://onedu.fi)

<https://sakky.fi/fi/hakijalle/yhteishaku/tuva-koulutus>