

Swedish for medical personnel, SFM, is an education suitable for you who have a medical degree from your home country. If you are trained as a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, dentist, dietitian or physiotherapist, you can apply to start at SFM.

### **Who gets to study at SFM?**

If you are new in Sweden and have not been here for more than 3 years since the first population register, you belong to the first priority group. If you have been in Sweden for more than 3 years, you are automatically put in the second priority group.

We accept applicants to the extent possible. If there are more applicants than we are able to take in, we have to make a selection. The applicants in the first priority group have a greater chance of being accepted at SFM than the ones in the second priority group.

### **To study at SFM you should:**

- have a degree in a medical identification profession from your home country.

### **You should be trained in one of the following professions:**

- doctor
- nurse
- pharmacist
- dentist
- physiotherapist
- dietitian

### **Course content and length of education**

You take both Swedish and vocational courses during the course of the training.

#### **Swedish courses:**

SFI C - SVA 3 (Requirements of the National Board of Health and Welfare).

**Professional content:**

Specially designed courses with the aim of preparing for working life in Sweden or for further studies in your profession in Sweden.

You get knowledge in medical Swedish, the Swedish healthcare system, Swedish health care culture, journaling, medical law and training for knowledge tests in each profession. The vocational courses are given by licensed care teachers with many years of experience in Swedish health care.

In addition, study visits and lectures with external lecturers and teachers are organized.

**Duration of the education:**

Up to 18 months depending on the level in Swedish at the start.  
Approximately 18-22 lesson hours/week.

**Language levels of the European scale**

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, often referred to as CEFR or CEFRL, is an international standard for working out your ability within a language. It was established by the Council of Europe and aims to validate language ability.

The six levels within the CEFR are A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2.

The levels are often used casually by language learners to explain their ability at speaking, reading, writing and understanding a language. But there are also exams and certificates available to those who want to make their level official.

The CEFR levels	Swedish for immigrants (SFI)	Level
A1 A2	SFI A, SFI B SFI C	Basic user
B1 B2- B2	SFI D SVA grundläggande SVA 1	Independent user
C1- C1 C2	SVA 2 SVA 3 Tvåspråkig (Bilingual)	Proficient user

## Admission

We accept students from beginner levels in the Swedish language (SFI) up to and even rated in SVA 1.

Admission takes place 5 times a year subject to availability.

- The next start is **January 4, 2021**.
- Submit your application to your municipality of residence no later than **November 16, 2020**.

### Upcoming starts in 2021:

March 8 – last day to apply January 25

May 10 – last day to apply April 5

August 16 – last day to apply May 31

October 18 – last day to apply September 6

## How to apply

Fill out the application form and submit it together with a copy of your diploma (translated into English or Swedish) and/or your decision from the National Board of Health and Welfare, to adult education in your home municipality.

Your municipality of residence approves the application and sends it to SFM for further processing. Closer to the start of the course, you will receive more information about your application from SFM via email.

For information on how you can apply for Swedish identification and what requirements there are for this, please visit the National Board of Health and Welfare's website [www.socialstyrelsen.se](http://www.socialstyrelsen.se)

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