

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, physiotherapist, dental hygienist or speech and language pathologist 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 hold a degree in one of the following professions:

- doctor
- nurse
- pharmacist
- dentist
- physiotherapist
- dietitian
- dental hygienist
- speech and language pathologist
- midwife
- occupational therapist

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 vocational courses with the aim of preparing for working life in Sweden or for further studies in your profession in Sweden. You will gain 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 your Swedish level at the start.

SFM is a full time education, with approximately 17-19 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 assessing your language level. 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 to speak, read, write and understand 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.

Upcoming starts:

- January 8, 2024 – apply Sep 5 – Nov 20
- March 11, 2024 – apply Nov 21 – Jan 29
- May 13, 2024 – apply Jan 30 – Apr 1
- August 19, 2024 – apply Apr 2– Jun 10
- October 21, 2024 – apply Jun 11 – Sep 9

How to apply

If you have a Swedish personal identity number

If you have a Swedish personal identity number you can apply via our web application, huddinge.alvis.se. Log in with mobile BankID or by using your personal identity number and a password to start the application.

Under "Previous education" you get to specify which degree you have from your home country. Don't forget to indicate your degree orientation (e.g. doctor or nurse).

Under "Uploaded documents", upload the documents we need to process your application.

- copy of your diploma (translated into English or Swedish)
- grades from previous studies in Swedish
- **optional:** decision from the National Board of Health and Welfare (only relevant if you have received a decision from the National Board of Health and Welfare).

If you are unable to attach your documents digitally when you make your

application, you can submit them to us afterwards by logging in to My pages in Alvis and uploading them under "Uploaded documents". You can also send your documents by mail to SFM, Vux Huddinge, 141 85 Huddinge. It is important that you attach your documents as soon as possible in order for us to process your application.

Print or download your application and submit it together with your other documents to the 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.

If you are an EU citizen

If you do not have a Swedish personal identity number but are an EU citizen you can apply by filling out our application form.

Submit the application form together with a copy of your diploma (translated into English or Swedish) to your municipality of residence.

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 the requirements are please visit the National Board of Health and Welfare's website www.socialstyrelsen.se

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