



Ketterä korkeakoulu

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A revitalisation method to educate Saami-speaking
teachers

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A three-year project (2019–2021)

- Funded by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture: teacher education project
- Carried out by the University of Oulu, the Giellagas Institute and the Faculty of Education
- Sámi Education Institute (SOGSAKK) as a local co-partner in the Saami area
- The Finnish Cultural Foundation granted scholarships to students



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Education



Aim

To educate qualified Saami-speaking teachers – rapidly
Sister programme to CASLE 2009-2010 (Complementary
Aanaar Saami Language Education, 17 professionals)

Why?

Shortage of Saami-speaking teachers: the normal five-year
academic study programme is too slow to meet the acute
need in the field

Ketterä, like CASLE: Complementary educations



Students

North Saami: 14 students

Aanaar Saami: 11 students

Skolt Saami: 9 students

Literature: 19 students

Pedagogical studies: 12 students



Ketterä Study Programme 2019–2021

1. Aanaar, Skolt and North Saami studies 65 credits

Academic year August 2019–June 2020

2. Saami literature 25 credits

August–December 2020

3. Pedagogical studies 60 credits

- Calendar year 2021



Students

Qualified teachers who already work in schools

- A personal wish to have a qualification to teach one of the three Saami languages and Saami literature as a subject
- To strengthen one's personal language proficiency to teach one's own subject in a Saami language

Graduate kindergarten teachers

- A personal wish to study further and become qualified as school teachers
- To strengthen personal language skills
- To study a new language and start a new carrier in childcare

Qualified professionals working with Saami languages and Saami culture

- Stronger language skills for media work, study material production and translation tasks



Results and Expectations

- **Last year:** some of our students were employed by the Saami municipalities as qualified teachers, while some other started new jobs as kindergarten teachers
- **This year:** the goal is to have the first qualified teachers apply for open positions in the Saami area (and also elsewhere)
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Giitu! Thank you!