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Special education in Finnish vocational education

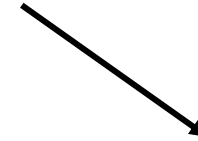
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First we must make a split between two things:

Intensive special needs support / Special needs support



Colleges of vocational special needs education



Colleges of Vocational education

Colleges of vocational special needs education

<https://ameo.fi/front-page/>

Six in Finland. These also function as development centres of special needs education and training. They offer in-service training and consultancy and produce materials for special needs education.

Vocational special needs education and training (SNE) is intended for students who need intensive special support with their studies and subsequent placement. Grounds for SNE may arise from disability, learning difficulties, mental or physical health problems or social difficulties.

Students who can not study in colleges of vocational education. For some or other reasons.

Education and training is organized in small groups. Students are provided with individual guidance and support with their studies and daily living.

More funding than in other colleges of vocational education. Special needs teachers. Lot of assistance personnel.

Anyway, there is no places in colleges of vocational special needs education for all who need more or less intensive special support.

Colleges of vocational education

Inclusion in colleges of vocational education. Special support.

There are many services for students with special needs: special needs teachers, psychologists, social workers, guiding personnel, "work assistants" and so on.

Of course, teachers do teaching and guidance.

There are also at least two kinds of preparatory education and training:

- a) one that tries to get you to vocational studies
- b) one that helps you to work and independent life.

Finnish law 2020: person's liability to participate in compulsory education until age 18.

If you check out this, you might wonder, why special needs education is not mentioned:

<https://www.oph.fi/sites/default/files/documents/finnish-vet-in-a-nutshell.pdf>

Statistical information of Finnish Vocational education and special support

https://www.stat.fi/til/erop/2020/erop_2020_2021-06-08_tie_001_en.html

In 2020, a total of 34,900 students in vocational education leading to a qualification received special support, which is 11.2 per cent of the total number of students in vocational education.

The majority, or 87 per cent, were studying in vocational education institutions. In all, 11.3 per cent of the recipients of special support attended special vocational education institutions.

[Notice: Intensified or special support was received by 21.3 per cent of comprehensive school pupils in autumn 2020. Intensified support was received by 69,300, or 12.2 per cent of comprehensive school pupils and special support by 51,100, or 9.0 per cent of comprehensive school pupils.]

In 2020, a total of 49 per cent of vocational education students were men and 51 per cent women. In all, 12 per cent of male students and 10 per cent of female students received special support.