

Preface Education and Training program/product

Title	Proacademy is degree program for entrepreneurship of Tampere polytechnic business school.
Range	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> International
Target group(s) (you can mark more than one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students in general <input type="checkbox"/> Female Students (women only) <input type="checkbox"/> Students in SET <input type="checkbox"/> Female Students in SET <input type="checkbox"/> Post graduates <input type="checkbox"/> Post graduated women <input type="checkbox"/> Post graduated women in SET <input type="checkbox"/> Other target group:
Language(s)	Finnish
Kind of program/product	<input type="checkbox"/> training (different modules) <input type="checkbox"/> lecture <input type="checkbox"/> meeting <input type="checkbox"/> event/conference <input type="checkbox"/> workshop(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other kind of training programs/products: Basic elements of the learning in Proacademy are learning by doing and team learning. The most important learning tools are books, learning contract, essays, birth giving session and dialogue.
Program started/executed at (date)	Program has founded of September 1999. Every autumn 20 new students start their studies in Proacademy.
Duration of the program	Three and a half year (First year in Tampere polytechnic business school and two and half year in Proacademy.
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Theme of program	<input type="checkbox"/> orientation/stimulation <input type="checkbox"/> training in requirements for (starting) entrepreneurs

<p>Summary of program (max. 12 sentences) Aims, activities, (planned) results</p>	<p>After students have done one year (40 credits) basic studies in Tampere Polytechnic Business School they could apply to continue their professional studies in the Proacademy. While studying to be a Bachelor of Business Administration the students work as entrepreneurs. Starting an own business beginning of the studies is an essential part of business studies at Proacademy. All firms are cooperative societies (every team/ firm is approx. 20 people). Students have the operative responsibility of their company activities. This way they learn about risk and projects management, leadership, marketing and all everyday routines of running business. The learning is maintained and tested in practice in projects. Learning by doing and in dialogue are the most important methods or procedures in learning process. Learning occurs in many levels: in individuals, teams, organisations and network. The projects are commissions from the business life. (E.g. marketing activities, IT - services) and cooperative societies develop and carry out their own products and services.</p>
<p>Didactical methods</p>	<p>x e-learning <input type="checkbox"/> training by a professor/(visiting) lecturer x coaching X other method(s): learning by doing and team learning.</p>
<p>Number of meetings</p>	<p>Every team have their own coach, whose task is support and advice the students. There is two times a week four hour team meetings. Teams are also divided smaller learning cells, which meet twice a week to learn about theory of business. Every projects has they own meetings at least once a week (duration of these meetings are one to three ours).</p>
<p>Expenses for the duration of the program</p>	<p>0 € (Studies in Tampere Polytechnic Business School are free for students - covered by government). When the students start their own cooperative societies they will pay an established charge. Costs are 50 – 150 euros for each person depending on cooperative society's rules.</p>
<p>Evaluation results (so far) (in 6 sentences)</p>	<p>60 students have already graduated from Proacademy and 25 % of them continued as entrepreneurs. The employment rate after graduation is 100 %. 67 % of students are females and 33 % males. In Proacademy students have completed approximately 550 projects.</p>

Used and outcome products/media in program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">x websitex CD -romx DVD/video/television<input type="checkbox"/> game<input type="checkbox"/> booksx seminar conceptx workshop concept<input type="checkbox"/> database<input type="checkbox"/> others:
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