

**APPLICANTS' GUIDE FOR
Full Stack Web Developer program**

Application period	26 March – 5 May 2021
Personal interviews	31 May – 4 June 2021
Admission results	17 June 2021
Confirming the study place	by 1 July 2021
Starting day	5 August 2021 – obligatory attendance

About the program

Full Stack Web Developer program is designed for adults who want to work as software developers. Studying in this vocational upper secondary program is very practical in comparison to academic studying. The studies focus on getting the core skills needed as a software developer.

Full Stack Web Developer is a partial qualification. During the program the students complete modules from Vocational Qualification in Information and Communications Technology:

- Programming, 45 competence points
- Working as a software developer, 45 competence points
- Software implementation using a software component, 30 competence points

The students will also have an opportunity to complete the full vocational qualification.

Completing Vocational Qualification in Information and Communications Technology

Since the Full Stack Web Developer program includes only relevant know how and methodologies related to working as a Web Developer, in order to complete the whole qualification two additional parts of the qualification must be completed:

- Basic ICT tasks, 25 competence points
- Common Units, 35 competence points

Basic ICT tasks consists of basic knowledge and know how in ICT-related work and generally in working life. In a small web based course designed for adult students you can confirm to yourself and to your tutoring teacher that your skills cover all the required vocational requirements.

Common Units include basic skills and know how needed in working life, academic studies and lifelong learning. As an adult student, your prior learning will be recognized and you will be accredited as much of these competence points as possible (usually up to 30 – 32 competence points).

Please note that in order to complete the qualification and get your prior learning recognized, you must send us especially your general upper secondary education or senior high school certificates.

Entrance requirements

The entrance requirements are

- Good written and oral command of English (B2 CEFR level)
- Good computer skills

NB Applicants applying from abroad, please see the detailed application requirements on page 3.

A. Applicants from Finland

Admission requirements are

1. Good command of English – written application and oral skills based on the application
2. Motivation, competence in ICT, previous experience and career plan
3. Personal interview

1) English language skills

The applicant's English language skills will be evaluated based on the grade on the upper secondary school leaving certificate and the written application. Minimum requirement for English language level is grade 7 on the leaving certificate or Cum Laude on the Matriculation Examination certificate. Applicants applying with a Finnish vocational upper secondary certificate, the requirement for English skills is grade 2 (grading scale 1-3) or 4 (grading scale 1-5).

In case the applicant has no assessment of English language on their upper secondary or matriculation examination certificates, they must submit a certificate of English language. Please see the requirements on page 3.

2) Motivation, competence in ICT, previous experience and career plan

The applicant's motivation, competence in ICT, previous experience and career plan are evaluated based on the application and supporting documents. Applications are graded on a scale of 0 to 5.

3) Personal interview and practical test

Selected applicants will be invited to a personal interview based on their application, language skills and academic background. See: selection criteria on page 3.

The objective of the interview is to collect further information on the applicant's current skill level in the areas vital for the students studying in this program. There will also be a small practical test included in the interview. Interview is graded on a scale of 0 to 5.

Kindly note that the interview is an obligatory part of the admission process and it is organized at the college. Skype or telephone interviews will not be arranged.

If the applicant fails to attend the interview, their application is automatically rejected.

B. Applicants from abroad

Admission requirements are

1. Good command of English – English language certificate, written application and oral skills based on the application
2. Motivation, competence in ICT, previous experience and career plan
3. Personal interview

1) English language certificate

Applicants are asked to enclose a language certificate to their application.

Please submit one of the following certificates:

- IELTS Academic, level 6.0
- TOEFL PBT, 550 paper-based test
- TOEFL IBT, 79 - 80 internet-based test
- The National Certificate in English language (YKI), at level 4 Intermediate, in all parts.
- Higher degree completed in English in a Finnish higher educational institution
- Higher degree completed in English in an EU country

Please note: IELTS and TOEFL are valid only for two years since date of issue.

In addition, secondary school education or a higher degree completed in English in Great Britain, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Australia or New Zealand is accepted as a demonstration of sufficient English language competence.

Please note that an application cannot be processed until all the required documents have been submitted. Only apply once and attach all documents directly to the application form.

3) Personal interview and practical test

Selected applicants will be invited to a personal interview based on their application and supporting documents, including educational certificates as well as past experience in ICT field and software development. See: selection criteria below. Interview is graded on a scale of 0 to 5.

The objective of the interview is to collect further information on the applicant's current skill level in the areas vital for the students studying in this program. There will also be a small practical test included in the interview. Interview is graded on a scale of 0 to 5.

Kindly note that the interview is an obligatory part of the admission process and it is organised at the college. Skype or telephone interviews will not be arranged.

If the applicant fails to attend the interview, their application is automatically rejected.

C. Selection criteria

Application: 0 – 5 selection points (motivation, competence in ICT, previous experience and career plan)

Language skills: 0 – 1 selection points for Finnish language skills (1 selection point: Finnish as a mother tongue, secondary language or YKI 4 level accredited skills)

Educational background: 0 – 2 selection points (1 selection point: any academic degree (bachelor level); 2 selection points: bachelor level in technology, science or business / any academic degree at least masters level). In the final selection phase, all academic degrees award 1 selection point.

Interview: 0 – 5 selection points

Applicants will be invited to an interview **based on the sum of** their application selection points, language skills selection points and educational background selection points. Please note that not all applicants fulfilling the requirements will be issued an invitation but the selection will be made based on the selection points. The interview will be held in our Campus in Pasila, Helsinki. No exemptions.

The final selection will be made **based on the sum of** interview selection points, language skills selection points and educational background selection points. In the case of equal selection points applicants ordering will be based on their application selection points. In case of equal selection points throughout the process random selection is used. If the applicant fails to attend the interview, their application is automatically rejected.

D. General information for applicants

Full time work, registered jobseekers

Training program is full-time – you cannot combine this program with working full-time or having other full-time responsibilities.

You might not be able to combine studying in the program and getting unemployment benefits. Applicant is responsible for communicating with TE Services.

Health insurance

International students must have a health insurance policy that covers the costs of their possible medical care. Health insurance is a requirement for obtaining a residence permit for studies in Finland. If you come from outside Finland it will be useful to bring along any relevant documents related to your state of health, e.g. vaccinations. This will help you when you contact any members of our medical services.

Further information www.migri.fi.

Cost of studies in Finland for international students

Business College Helsinki does not have scholarships available for international students and cannot offer financial assistance to students toward travel expenses, living expenses or study-related expenses in Finland. Therefore, students are required to finance and to cover these costs to the full amount themselves. Common expense items include:

- course text books
- photocopied course material
- study supplies
- study equipment
- meals, housing, travel and other general living expenses

To comply with the Finnish immigration law, international students are required to produce written proof of their ability to support themselves financially for the duration of their studies.

Unfortunately, we cannot help with the VISA issues. For more information, please consult the Finnish Immigration Service (www.migri.fi).

Results and appeals

Admission decisions will be announced and written invitations to accepted students e-mailed **on 17 June 2021**. All applicants who were invited to a personal interview will receive a written notification of his/her personal admission decision.

An applicant who disagrees with the decision can request a review and correction of his/her case. An appeal to this effect must be made in writing to REGIONAL STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY (ETELÄ-SUOMEN ALUEHALLINTOVIRASTO) within 14 days after the publication of the results. The appeal must state in detail which part(s) of the admissions procedure are requested to be reviewed and corrected, and on what basis. Results of the personal interview and admissions processes cannot be altered to the detriment of students already admitted.

Written confirmation of study place and enrolment

An applicant accepted to the English programme must confirm his/her enrolment by submitting a written confirmation of accepting the offered study place to the student affairs office **by 1 July 2021**.

Detailed instructions on how to confirm the study place will be sent with the acceptance letter. If the applicant fails to submit the confirmation form by the date indicated in the decision, he/she loses the offered study place.

Starting the studies at Business College Helsinki

Studies start with **mandatory orientation day 5 August 2021**. All new students should attend the orientation. In case the accepted student is not present on the orientation day and has not informed the college about their absence in advance, their place will be given to another applicant.

Please take notice that the accepted student is responsible of taking care of all the practical issues considering the start of the studies, such as, submitting an international student's residence permit application in time.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION FORM

Application to Full Stack Web Developer program

Please choose if you wish to complete the Full Stack Web Developer program: modules from Vocational Qualification in Information and Communications Technology (partial degree) or full vocational qualification (whole degree).

Please take notice that if you choose the full vocational qualification, you must submit an upper secondary school leaving certificate and/or transcript of records with the application. The documents should show the contents of completed upper secondary education. Please note that only applicants who have completed upper secondary education and have attached a copy of the school certificate to the application can be accepted to the full qualification.

Personal information

Please fill in all the information accurately.

In the First name field, please write your first name (your forename for everyday use).

Contact information

Please fill in your current residence address.

Please write the postal code of your place of residence (in numbers) and the name of the city. A Finnish postal code may be chosen from the list.

Educational background

Please fill in the information about your education, training and degrees completed.

Language skills

Please fill in the information and use the given scale to assess your skills (speaking, reading and writing).

Entrance requirement for this programme is a good written and oral command of English. Please take notice that the applicant must provide a certificate of their English language skills with the application. Applications sent without the certificate of English language will not be considered. Please see: page 2 for further instructions.

Immigration status

Please enclose a copy of your residence permit or visa (if valid).

Please note that if you are a Finnish citizen, you do not fill in this section.

Motivation, competence in ICT, previous experience and career plan

In the following fields, please describe your reasons and motivation for applying to this programme, your experience in the field of ICT and software development and give examples of your work experience, previous education and personal projects. Describe also your career plan after completing this program.

1. Why are you looking for a career in software development? (400 characters, 0 – 1 points)
2. Describe your competence in Software Development and in ICT (400 characters, 0 – 1 points)
3. Tell us about your work experience generally and in relation to Software Development (400 characters, 0 – 1 points)
4. What is your plan after graduation from the program? (400 characters, 0 – 2 points)

Enclosures and application supporting documents

The applicants are asked to enclose copies of the following documents to their application:

- Educational Certificates
- Certificate of English language
- Work Experience Certificates (if available)
- Certificates of IT skills (if available)
- Copy of Finnish residence permit (if available)

Enclose a copy of your upper secondary education certificate or select I'm only interested in partial qualification (Full Stack Web Developer Program).

Please prepare all the certificate copies in advance and submit scanned/electronic copies of these documents enclosed to the application form. Please name all files, for example: IELTS / upper secondary certificate / Bachelor in Business Administration etc. You can also add a description to a file in Wilma when you submit the documents.

Please note that applications without the enclosed documents will not be considered.

All the supporting documents must be submitted by the end of the application period, by 5 May 2021. Please take notice that the documents must reach the college by the given deadline. Business College Helsinki does not process application documents that have arrived after the deadline.

Please note that all documents must be translated into English or Finnish. The translations must be certified translations of the original certificates and they must carry personal signature and stamps of the authorized translator.

All admitted students are required to present the original documents, certificates and references at the very beginning of the first study year.