

Vårdsvenska – Swedish for Health Care Personnel

Vårdsvenska www.vardsvenska.fi is not only a website, but a language learning resource that offers information and tools for health care personnel who are interested in learning Swedish. Besides language training, we offer you information and tools for employment search, information about Finland and networking possibilities. The website is designed primarily as a teaching and information resource for learning Swedish, but all the information is available in four languages – Swedish, English, Finnish and Russian.



Networking

The **Networking** area contains links and basic information about what you need to know when you move to Finland – visas, cultural tips, general information about Finland, contact details for tax offices, the Social Insurance Institution of Finland, health care institutions, senior care homes and much more.

You can **register as a user**, open up your profile as an active employment seeker, make a CV online in the **Jobs** area and send it straight through our site to any of the health care institutes in our database with just a click. CV samples in four languages are also available. The Vårdsvenska employer database contains contact details of thousands of potential employers in various spheres of health care in Finland. Health care institutes can also contact you directly via our job announcement area.

Language training

The **Swedish online course** has information about Swedish vocabulary, pronunciation, basic grammar, exercises in Swedish related to the health care field, as well as basic language exercises. The level of the exercises ranges from elementary to advanced. The information on the Swedish language is available in four languages, and you can also do the exercises **in Finnish, English or Russian**, just by choosing the language of the exercises. In this manner, you can practice your skills in several different languages. You can work online with vocabulary and grammar exercises, hundreds of picture exercises, reading and comprehension, and print paper versions of the material. As a registered user, the program recognizes your progress and will keep a log of your achievements. The exercises are inventive and fun. You can spend hours without getting bored!

The **"elderly care game"** is a ten level interactive vocabulary and comprehension game. After you complete one level, the following level will open. Upon completion of the last level, you will be able to print a certificate that confirms that you have completed the program. This will then entitle you to attend an intensive course in conversational Swedish in Helsinki for free.

The site also provides a **dictionary** in four languages, where you can search for basic vocabulary as well as professional terminology in the field of health care.

Material

The **Material** area contains the online material for self-study, a comprehensive image gallery, pronunciation and grammar explanations, downloadable vocabulary and grammar exercises, links and information about Finland, the Finnish culture and other relevant things you need to know when moving to Finland. You can also download glossaries on many different subject areas related to health care (aged care, dental care, medical professions, diseases and symptoms, etc), as well as every-day life.

In addition, the site includes a **Forum** where you can post questions and comments on any areas of language learning, health care or Vårdsvenska, and create contacts with your fellow language students and health care professionals.





With its vast language learning and material resources, interactive job search and networking possibilities, the Vårdsvenska website is truly a unique tool for health care professionals. ***Learning Swedish can be fun!***