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KEY FIGURES

NUMBER OF STUDENTS

2,125

NUMBER OF STAFF

240

COURSES AVAILABLE AT

Bodø Campus

Levanger Campus

Vesterålen Campus

Mo i Rana Campus

Namsos Campus



PARTNERS IN THE FIELD OF PRACTICE

60+ municipalities in Nordland and Trøndelag (north), 8 hospitals

PH.D. PROGRAMME

Science of Professions

MASTER'S PROGRAMMES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION (EVU)

Further education, specialisations, and professional and interdisciplinary higher education

BACHELOR'S PROGRAMMES

Nursing, social education, pharmaceuticals and paramedicine



ABOUT THE FACULTY

The Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences (FSH) focuses on health education and research. Our faculty is geographically widespread with strong recruitment to our bachelor's programmes. FSH trains capable and forward-thinking professionals for the health and welfare services. We focus on quality in education and research and have a close collaboration with the field of practice. FSH emphasises practice-related skills and research to develop and improve the health and welfare services. FSH is a young faculty with a focus on continuous cultural development across research groups, programmes and campuses.

ABOUT THE STRATEGY

The strategy highlights how FSH, through education, research and innovation, will help create the health services of the future. The strategy is a tool for the further development of programmes and research. FSH's strategy outlines local and internal goals, and describes the role the FSH wants to play in our community and region. The strategy is a sub-strategy which aims to jointly achieve the goals for the development of Nord University. The strategy covers the period 2021-2030 and will be operationalised and followed up with three-year action plans, which will be evaluated every year.



THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS AND FOCUS



BLUE AND GREEN GROWTH

Blue and green growth is changing demographics and working life. Nature and culture are important for people's health and wellbeing. FSH will be a driving force behind the development of knowledge concerning public health and health-promoting work to create good local communities for all.



SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The health and welfare services and working life are changing. New medical and technological challenges, as well as shifting age composition in society, are placing demands on health service development. Through close collaboration with working life and other relevant health and welfare actors in the region, the faculty will strengthen the professional relevance of programmes and set students up to enter working life in the midst of transition and change. Digital collaboration and health and welfare technology (E-health) must be a priority area for FSH, within both research and education.





HEALTH, WELFARE AND GROWTH

Knowledge-based health and welfare services are crucial for meeting the needs of patients and next of kin as regards care, treatment, rehabilitation and assistance, so that they can take care of their health and live a good and dignified life. The bachelor's programmes are the cornerstones of the faculty and form the basis for further education, master's programmes and Ph.D. programmes. The faculty will strengthen practice-related research within the health and welfare services in conjunction with education at various levels in dialogue with the public sector, professionals, volunteers, users and next of kin. FSH will also offer relevant master's programmes for our professional studies and also aims to develop a separate Ph.D. programme. The faculty will build relevant professional skills and a leading research environment within the science of professions. FSH will train forward-thinking practitioners within health and welfare who are able to drive professional development in their field.



CIVIL PROTECTION

Knowledge concerning health preparedness and crisis management is crucial for effective health and welfare services. Patient safety, including drugs, drug management, pre-hospital services, hygiene and infection control are also vital for safe and secure health and social services. Knowledge of emergency preparedness and coordination are crucial for civil protection. FSH will be active in inter-faculty and interdisciplinary interaction regarding knowledge development within patient safety, preparedness and crisis management.

Coordination between staff
and students in interactions with
professionals and other social actors

Public
health and
public health
work

Digital
interaction
and health
and welfare
technology

Patient safety,
preparedness and
crisis
management

Professional
education in
health and
welfare

Offer forward-thinking professionally-relevant programmes

Leading research environment for the development
of knowledge in, about and for professions

FSH's strategic goals for the period 2021-2030

The thematic priorities at FSH will be achieved through the following strategic focuses. The link between thematic and strategic is illustrated in the figure on page 12.

- Create a leading research environment for developing knowledge in, about and for professions, which also emphasises health and social services for Sámi people and other minorities
- Offer forward-thinking programmes with strong professional relevance
- Establish a close collaboration with working life and the practical field
- Be an effective and attractive faculty



By 2030, the FSH will have a leading research environment for developing knowledge in, about and for professions

Priorities and goals:

- FSH will strengthen the research environment with regard to thematic priorities
- FSH will increase the share of clinical studies in collaboration with the health services
- FSH will purposefully and systematically develop skills within knowledge in, about and for professions
- FSH will increase the share of externally funded activities, for example through NFR and EU
- FSH will strengthen the academic and research environment with the goal of being able to develop a new health-related Ph.D. programme in the period up to 2030
- Through its research environments, FSH will increase the share of international cooperation and exchange

Through to 2030, FSH will further develop forward-thinking programmes with strong professional relevance

Priorities and goals:

- FSH will increase the throughput of our educational programmes
- FSH will develop flexible educational opportunities
- In collaboration with employers, FSH will further develop our continuing education (EVU) portfolio
- FSH will investigate the establishment of research options on selected bachelor's programmes
- FSH will develop a centre for excellence in education linked to simulation/development of practical/clinical skills across our programmes
- FSH will develop new solutions for international cooperation for staff and student exchanges



By 2030, FSH will have a closer collaboration with working life, the field of practice and the community.

Priorities and goals:

- FSH will contribute knowledge concerning academic education and health to the public debate
- FSH will further develop interaction and collaboration with the health service, business and working life
- FSH will contribute to the development of innovation and entrepreneurship in collaboration with other societal actors
- FSH will contribute to increased openness and sharing of research data and research results
- FSH will contribute knowledge on evidence-based practice in professional occupations

Through to 2030, FSH will be an effective and attractive faculty

Priorities and goals:

- FSH will utilise resources in a way which creates space for strategic investment and renewal
- FSH will offer attractive and vibrant campuses characterised by an enriching and inclusive work, research and learning environment
- FSH will have infrastructure which helps to increase the quality of research, education and administrative services
- FSH will have good systems and procedures in place to ensure continuous quality work

