



Nursing Exchange at Jonkoping University, Sweden

NURSING CLINICAL PROGRAM – OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2008

Program dates

Recommended date of arrival: 31 October 2008 (1 November at latest)
Placement dates: 1 November – 17 December

Program content

The nursing program at Jonkoping consists of a 6 week clinical placement in a local hospital or other medical facility and one theoretical unit which will be taught on campus. The unit is relevant to your clinical practice and has been included so that students have contact with Swedish students and get a taste of university life in Sweden during the short time you will be there.

A range of clinical placements is available and Jo Porter, Clinical Coordinator, will select the most appropriate placement for each student.

The assignment requirements for the Swedish unit will go towards your final grade for NUR3108, therefore you will not be required to do the Major assignment for this unit. The grade allocated in Sweden for the assessment item will then become the grade for the major project in NUR3108. You will be required to modify your clinical contract for the international placement and complete it while you're on clinical. You will also be expected to complete a clinical case study worth 20 % of your overall grade due on the 1st December (in order to be marked and returned before the end of the semester).

Monash Abroad travel grants

All students accepted on the Jonkoping clinical program will receive a \$1,000 Monash Abroad travel grant provided they:

- have an active enrolment in a Monash undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree program
- will receive credit for the Jonkoping program credit toward their Monash degree
- have been approved by the School of Nursing

The travel grant will be paid into your Australian bank account about 4 weeks before the commencement of the program. More information about Monash Abroad travel grants can be found at www.monash.edu/explore.

Application procedures - Monash

Students should complete a Monash Abroad Nursing at Jonkoping application form (available from contact below) and send it for approval to:

Cheryl Hutchinson
Administrative Officer
Clinical Program
School of Nursing
Gippsland

She will send the application to Monash Abroad who will arrange payment of the travel grants.

Application procedures – Jonkoping

Students should also complete Jonkoping University Application Form for Visiting Students, which is also available from Cheryl Hutchinson.

On the form under “Theoretical Courses” you should enter “Nursing Science Reflective Practice” which is the classroom unit you will do. Under “Practical/Clinical Courses” you should enter the placement you want, as agreed with Cheryl Hutchinson and the number of hours required.

You should attach to the form a curriculum vitae listing details of the clinical work you have done so far and a study statement showing the results of your study at Monash to date. You do not need to attach an original transcript.

Cheryl will sign this form for you and then send it, with the Monash Abroad form, to Malinee Bheenick who is the Europe Coordinator in the Monash Abroad office. She will forward the forms to Jonkoping University.

After the applications have been processed by Jonkoping (which should not take too long) they will send confirmation that your application has been accepted and of the placement which has been arranged for you.

Language

English is spoken almost universally in Sweden. There is no expectation in the hospitals where students will be placed that you are able to speak any Swedish. The classes for the theoretical course will be conducted in English and you will be able to communicate freely with both students and staff at the university in English. That said, it will be greatly appreciated, especially by the patients with whom you work, if you take the trouble to learn at least a few words of Swedish.

Transcript

All students will receive an official transcript from Jonkoping University showing the units you have completed. Your Monash transcript will show that you have completed NUR3108 but may not show a grade for this unit until you have completed the clinical placement.

Visa

Students who are Australian passport holders do not need a visa in order to enter Sweden, as long as your stay does not exceed three months. Students planning to travel on another passport should check the visa requirements with Monash Abroad as soon as possible.

Travel

Jonkoping is about 350km southwest of Stockholm. It has an airport with regular services to Stockholm and other cities in the region but the cheapest and easiest way to get there is to fly to Stockholm and catch a train to Jonkoping.

You can find detailed information about getting to Jonkoping on the university website <http://www.hj.se/doc/2587>.

Accommodation

Jonkoping will arrange university accommodation for all Monash students participating in the nursing exchange. Monash students will not necessarily be accommodated together and the exact location will not be known until closer to the commencement of the program as the program commences in the middle of the Jonkoping semester. Most student accommodation is in student apartment blocks located in the town which have single bedrooms and shared facilities. The cost will range from A\$700 – A\$1100 for the two months of the program, depending on the type of accommodation available. Please note that if you arrive before 31 October you may incur another full month of accommodation costs because all student accommodation is charged on a monthly basis.

Arrival

You will be met on arrival in Jonkoping at the railway station or airport by a member of university staff and taken to your accommodation. The staff at the School of Health Sciences will introduce you to the

university and make sure you know your way around. It is a small campus in a small city so you will not have much difficulty.

Climate

You will be in Jonkoping in late autumn and the beginning of winter but it is likely to be colder than the worst of Melbourne's winter. Because Jonkoping is in the southern half of Sweden you are more likely to see rain than snow but you should be prepared for anything.

General information about Jonkoping and Sweden

Jonkoping is a small city of 120,000 located about 350km southwest of Stockholm on the shores of Lake Vattern. It was the birthplace of the safety match and is still the home of Husqvarna sewing machines.

Jonkoping is one of only three private universities in Sweden. It was established in 1994 and has 9,000 students in four faculties, Business, Education, Health Sciences and Engineering.

The campus is a very small collection of modern buildings near the town centre. The buildings are new and there is a cafeteria and a basic student health centre on campus. Other facilities are readily available in the town which is within easy cycling distance of the campus.

The Jonkoping University website is <http://www.hj.se/eng> and the School of Health Sciences website is <http://www.hhj.hj.se/doc/4000>.

Tourist and local information about Jonkoping can be found at <http://www.jonkoping.se/english/home.4.460155f010bf88e9f7f80002307.html>.

The Study in Sweden website (<http://www.studyinsweden.se>) is an excellent guide to being an international student in Sweden and contains lots of useful links.

More Information

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