



Midnight Sun Summer School

Theme: Professional Mentoring

INITIAL PROGRAMME

June 2-5, 2025

Teacher Training School
University of Oulu

We reserve the right to make changes.
The working language in the conference is English.
Please, check the venue from the daily programme.

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FACT SHEET

Theme:

Professional mentoring

Date:

June 2-5, 2025

Location:

University of Oulu, Finland

Address:

Pentti Kaiteran katu 1

Oulu

Finland

Target audience:

The seminar is addressed to mentors, teachers, principals, educational councillors, and school management working in primary schools, secondary schools, vocational schools, training centres, adult education schools, higher education, kindergarten, and NGOs.

Pre-registration:

Online in the seminar webpage <https://tts.oulu.fi/services/international-seminars.html>

Language:

The seminar is held in English.

Learning outcomes:

The seminar aims to help participants to understand mentoring; what it is and what it is not. In addition, they will learn to identify key principles behind high-quality mentoring. During the sessions we will go through what is mentor's professional identity and what are the mentor's key competencies.

Participants will get an overview of the trending innovative mentoring methods and their benefits for the professional competence development.

You can exchange best practices and share experiences about mentoring with colleagues coming from different countries.

During the seminar you can network with individuals and organisations working in the field of education field through everyday cooperation and activities.

Monday 2.6.2025

THEME OF THE DAY: The Finnish Education System and Teacher Training

Venue: Tellus Backstage, University Main Building

- 9.00 Free bus transportation from City Centre, Hotel Scandic, address: Saaristonkatu 4, to the University of Oulu, address Pentti Kaiteran katu 1.
Enter the University main building from the Main door 2T.
- 9.30 Registration
- 10.00 Midnight Sun Summer School 2025 Opening
Welcoming words
Practical information
- 10.15 Introduction to the Finnish School System and its Special Features + Q&A
Teacher Education System in Finland
Teacher Training School – The Heart of the Finnish Teacher Education System
- 11.45 Lunch
- 13.00 Keynote lecture:
TBC
Q&A session
- 14.00 Refreshments
- 14.30 Lecture:
Workshop
Q&A session
- 16.00 Bus transportation to the City Centre
- 18.00 Guided Oulu City Sightseeing
The bus leaves from hotel Scandic, address: Saaristonkatu 4

Tuesday 3.6.2025

THEME: The Professional Identity of a Mentor

Venue: Tellus Backstage, University Main Building

- 9.00 Bus transportation from City Centre
- 9.30 Mentoring system in teacher training schools:
How to prepare future teachers to their profession?
Workshop
- 10.15 Networking refreshments
- 10.45 From a teacher to a mentor – shifting professional identity.
Workshop
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Co-teaching and Co-mentoring Practices from
the Oulu University Teacher Training School
- 14.00 Refreshments
- 14.30 Group work: The Key Competences of a Mentor
- 15.30 Time for Discussion
- 16.00 Bus transportation to the City Centre

Wednesday 4.6.2025

THEME: Sharing the Best Mentoring Practices

Venue: Conference room PR101 at the University Main Building

- 9.00 Bus transportation from City Centre
- 9.30 Presentations by the seminar participants
- 10.15 Refreshments
- 10.45 Academic Playground: Sharing the Best Practices in Education or Mentoring.
Participants can introduce their mentoring practices and experiences with others.
Please, be prepared to introduce:
- an innovative education or mentoring practise (from your school),
 - your favourite book about education or mentoring,
 - scientific article about education or mentoring,
 - stunning website for educators and learners to inspire others
 - toys and tools in education
 - practices supporting students' and staff members' well-being
- to share your views with other participants!
- Or perhaps you are looking for help to certain professional question / matter?
This is a flash-presentation.
Maximum of five minutes per participant and five minutes Q&A!
- 11.30 Reflection and discussion of the Academic Playground presentations
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Designing pedagogical space –
Examples from the Oulu University Teacher Training School
Experiencing the Learning Environments at the Oulu University Teacher Training School
Walking Tour in the Primary School
Meeting with Oulu University Teacher Training School's staff members
Time for Discussion
- 15.00 Guided Walk in the Botanical Garden
- 16.00 Bus transportation to the City Centre

Thursday 5.6.2025

THEME: Mentoring and Reflection

Venue: Conference room PR101 at the University Main Building

- 9.00 Bus transportation from City Centre
- 9.30 Reflection as a professional tool in teaching:
How to best support thinking towards what, why and how?
- 10.00 Refreshments
- 10.30 Group work
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Reflections of the Midnight Sun Summer School
Feedback
Certificate Ceremony with Coffee and Cake
- 14.00 Bus transportation to City Centre

Questions?

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