

# The International Partner Programme (IPP)

An activity programme to engage with Occupational therapy students from all over the world.

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Dear student of Occupational Therapy,

Your classroom, future practice, and healthcare, in general, are becoming increasingly diverse. It is therefore important to increase your awareness of how your culture influences the way you act, think and communicate with others. The IPP Programme helps you to gain these intercultural competencies.



The IPP programme consists of a series of online sessions and the possibility of writing your Bachelor's thesis at one of our partner universities abroad.

## **Online sessions - Being an OT student**

Talk about meaningful occupations, share photos, and short videos, and discuss what it means to be an OT student in your respective countries. During these two sessions, you will develop English skills, get to know international peers early in their education program, and learn more about yourself and Occupational Therapy.

## **Online sessions - Community Exploration**

Explore how the physical, political and social context in a community can influence participation and critically explore your own position in the community. During these two sessions, you will gain insight into working with communities as an occupational therapist and in your role as an advocate from an international perspective. You will be exposed to new valuable methodologies and you will connect with international colleagues.

### **Online sessions - Internship**

Your internship is an important part of your journey to become an Occupational Therapist. A time when many experiences and dilemmas become part of your everyday life. Sharing these experiences with international colleagues can help you to learn from them.

These two sessions will give you an opportunity to:

- share your cultural understanding of the occupational therapy process
- discuss the application of models, and process models in therapeutic contexts
- share experiences with diversity: culture, gender, age, interprofessional work
- compare work experience in the different countries
- share many other topics you encounter along the way

### **Bachelor's Thesis abroad**

You get the chance to do an international bachelor thesis exchange if you visit all IPP online sessions and at least one of the International Mobility Weeks organised by the partner universities. An exciting opportunity to develop your international experience to an even greater depth.

Live and study in another country at one of our partner universities, network with other students, and work with them on similar topics or even a joint thesis. The host university welcomes you to participate in ongoing research projects.

Please join us. We hope to welcome you online,  
The coordinators of our three universities,

Amsterdam University of applied sciences (HvA)- The Netherlands  
Karolinska Institutet (KI) - Sweden  
Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW) – Switzerland

## Quotes from former IPP Students:

'This international exchange has brought me to reflect on the health systems in the different countries and what role they play culturally – to reflect on my attitude towards people from other cultures – to recognise what kind of expectations I have toward other cultures and how that affects my reasoning as an OT student.'

'Fun, nice to get international friends, and also nice to feel that OT is somewhat of a community.'

'I learned that cultural challenges happen more often in the everyday life of an OT than I thought. I learned to reflect on these challenges and found alternative ways of approaching the problem.'

'I hope this program will be integrated into the normal course of studies, students could profit so much from it and the digital support makes the exchange easy and flexible!'

## More information

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