

PhD-study in Diaconia, Values and Professional practice

In February 2013, Diakonhjemmet University College will launch its own, newly developed PhD –programme. The aim of this research education is to provide a distinctive contribution to the encounter with the present health- and welfare challenges in society, churches and other faith communities.



On the 25th of February 2013, we open our first research course in Diaconia, Values and Professional practice. This introductory course also provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the start of the PhD-programme. The university college has invited guests from Norway and abroad to lecture, and to deliver greetings on this occasion.

More about the content of the PhD study

Diakonhjemmet University College offers a doctoral degree programme which will provide qualifications for research, teaching, development work and other tasks where scientific insight and research competence is required.

A main goal of Diakonhjemmet University College is to expand and develop our unique character through a research program focusing on professional diaconal practice in health- and social services. The PhD program has an empirical, multi- and interdisciplinary profile and is directed towards increased knowledge and competence related to values, relations and philosophy of life. The PhD program, which is organized under Center of Diakonia and Professional practice, lasts for three years with full time studies.

The doctorate PhD (philosophiae doctor) is awarded on the basis of:

- A completed course of study (40 credits)
- An academic dissertation presented as a monography or as scientific papers
- A doctoral defence, consisting of a trial lecture and a public defence of the dissertation (disputation)



The PhD programme includes 180 ECTS credits; the course part of the programme consists of 40 credits. The PhD students should complete the following courses:

Diakonia, Values and Professional Practice – introduction	10 credits
Either: Diakonia, Values and Professional Practice in social work and health care	5 credits
Or: Diakonia, Values and Professional Practice in churches and faith communities	5 credits
Philosophy of science, research ethics, and research method/design	15 credits
Eligible course	10 credits

PhD course – *Diakonia, values and professional practice – introduction*

Throughout the week-long PhD-course, from 25th February to March 1, participants will be introduced to the following topics:

- Welfare State Models and Religious Traditions,
- Challenges in Professional Practice, Diakonia, Values and Society, and Studies of Professional Practice

Professors and associate professors from the various departments in the university college will give lectures at the PhD-course.

In addition, two external professors will give lectures, professor in practical theology Elaine Graham (<http://www.chester.ac.uk/departments/trs/staff/graham>) from University of Chester, and professor in pedagogics Anne Edwards (<http://tinyurl.com/anneedwards/>) from Oxford University. Both with a great effort of research within the field of professional practice.

More about the PhD- course programme here. <http://tinyurl.com/phdcourseds>

The course is open for all interested. You can register to the course within January 20th 2013. By email to krogsvold@diakonhemmet.no, or you can make a phone call to May Britt Krogsvold: +47 22 45 19 05

The course provides 10 ECTS when a written assignment after the course is completed and approved.

This introductory course will be followed by two alternative specialization courses (each 5 ECTS) which look more closely to each area where this perspective is used, respectively health- and social services and churches and other faith communities.

How to apply to the PhD-study?

Admission to the ph.d.-programme may either occur as a result of someone's employment as a research fellow with automatic admission to the program, or by admission with external funding.

There is an ongoing admission to the PhD program for students with external funding. For applicants for a research fellowship, the deadline in the announcement applies.

Admission requirements

Admission to the PhD programme requires an education at second degree level, Master's degree (120 ECTS credits) or equivalent study programmes within diakonia, health- and social work and/or leadership in these areas. For applicants with other vocational background on the same level, the applicant's project profile will be emphasized

Application

An application to the PhD program is to be sent in four copies to Diakonhjemmet University College, Center of Diakonia and Professional practice. With the application follows a project description, CV, proof of financing, and validated copies of degree certificates and work experience documents.

The project description should account for topic, research questions, theoretical basis and choice of method (maximum 5000 words, list of references not included) A progress plan for the various parts of the research project, including plan for any studies abroad, should be a part of the description.

Employment as a Research Fellow

Employment as a research fellow normally consists in a four year employment with a workplace at the University College, where work obligations make up 25% of the work. Research fellowships are announced whenever one is available. These research fellowships are announced on the University College's website.

Applicants will be evaluated by an expert committee. Emphasis will be given to the relevance and quality of the project description and the quality of the Master's thesis or thesis at second degree level.

At the moment we have announced four vacant PhD scholarships. Deadline for application is 15th of april 2013.

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