



# Saxion Universities of Applied Sciences ready for the next four years

Saxion is going to strengthen the ties with its students, employees and the professional field in the years to come. In the Strategic Vision 2008-2012, Saxion will concentrate on five main points:

1. intensifying its education,
2. strong relations with the professional field,
3. internationalization,
4. excellence,
5. professionalization.

Openness, responsibility, professional skill and inspiration are put first in realizing this.

1. Saxion is going to supervise students more intensively during their studies. The study load is equivalent to a full working week. At the end of the first year, students will be tested for the required level of their Dutch language skills and arithmetic skills. Through this intensification, Saxion expects to lay solid foundations for their future professions.
2. Saxion is strengthening its relations with the professional field. For example, the Saxion programmes maintain close and long-term relations with high-quality organizations, institutions and companies in the area. And the lecturers possess up-to-date practical experience in the professional field.
3. Saxion is increasingly presenting itself as a 'Euregional' university and therefore often takes part in international projects. During their programme, all students have gained international experience in whatever form.
4. Brilliant students are given more room and support than ever before. Special honours programmes will raise students to a higher level. In all years of study,

extra attention is paid to entrepreneurship in order to turn out a larger number of starting entrepreneurs. For excellent employees there will be more possibilities for performance-related pay and development. All this will lead to more students and lecturers being involved in excellent research and teaching programmes.

5. Present and new employees can count on Saxion's full support in their individual routes to professionalization. There will be special programmes leading to more university trained employees and more employees taking their doctor's degrees who will contribute actively to teaching and practice-based research.

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The logo is positioned in the top right corner of the page. The background of the entire page is a photograph of three young people (two men and one woman) standing in a modern, brightly lit interior space, possibly a university hallway or common area. They are dressed in casual attire, including a pink polo shirt and a black top with a blue necklace. A large, semi-transparent green circular graphic is overlaid on the left side of the page, partially obscuring the text and background.

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