The core of a University of Applied Sciences education is practice-oriented, applied and professional higher education with strong connection and co-operation with industries, society and small businesses.

The educational offering of the 26 Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) is extremely diverse:

- Bachelor's Degrees
- Master's Degrees
- Professional specialisation
- Supplementary education and training
- Open UAS education
- Vocational teacher training

The research, development and innovation (RDI) work conducted at Universities of Applied Sciences not only serves their own studies and development but also promotes working life and regional development as well as renews the economic structure of local and global society.

Universities of Applied Sciences have selected their areas of core competence and emphasis to benefit the labour market and businesses the best possible way and to support strengthening the national and international education and RDI of the UAS.