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SUMMARY REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

Name of the project

FUTURE Health & Technology
(Fudan Turku Research and Education in Health & Technology)

Coordinating Institution

University of Turku

Objectives of the project (as indicated in the project proposal)

This project aimed to build an international, multidisciplinary (including nursing science and information technology) 2-year educational programme in collaboration with two universities, the University of Turku in Turku, Finland and Fudan University in Shanghai, China.

Achieved results and outcomes

An international multidisciplinary 2-year Double Degree Master's Programme in Future Health and Technology was established in collaboration with four departments of two universities, including

- the Department of Nursing Science and the Department of Future Technologies at the University of Turku in Turku, Finland, and
- the School of Nursing and the School of Information Science and Technology at Fudan University in Shanghai, China.

The project enabled exchange of many faculty members and students and the exchange of doctoral candidates supported internationalization for early career researchers. The teacher and student exchange allowed the assessment of the content and functionality of the planned double degree programme. In addition, research collaboration between faculty members from the university of Turku and Fudan University was established.

The programme has now been implemented into the existing structures of both universities. Student intake is planned to start in the spring of 2019. This newly established programme offers new possibilities for career development in the field of health and technology in the world. It will create new kinds of expertise and resources for society for innovative and collaborative approaches in the public and private health care sector as well as in the third sector and industry.

Activities carried out during the project

A total of 25 faculty member and student exchanges were made between the partnering universities during 2015 and 2017. The project consisted of three phases.

1. Planning a detailed 2-year curriculum in the field of health and technology on master level
The preliminary idea for the programme was planned in detailed. This included administrative, educational and programme development. This phase was carried out during the fall of 2015 and the spring of 2016.
2. Piloting core courses in collaboration
The pilot included faculty member and student exchange between Fudan University and the University of Turku. The arrangements and practical requirements for teaching and exchange were tested during the pilot in the autumn of 2016 and the spring of 2017.
3. Implementing the 2-year Master's degree programme
The planned new programme was implemented into the existing structures of both universities. This was done during the spring of 2017 and the fall of 2017.

Future developments, resulting from the project

Now that the new Double Degree Master's Programme in Future Health and Technology has been implemented, the next step is to start with student intake. This is planned for the spring of 2019. Teaching and student exchange between the collaborators will continue up until the double degree programme starts. Several additional options for collaboration also exist, such as collaboration on doctoral level and research.