



FLCA-Denmark

Copenhagen, Odense, Aarhus
Denmark
February - 2025

Application deadline: Sept. 30, 2024

Project description:

Denmark is at the forefront of dementia care, pioneering innovative housing solutions and cutting-edge technology that empower seniors to live safely and with dignity. By embracing these advancements, Denmark not only enhances the quality of life for its elderly population but also significantly reduces healthcare costs.

This project sees 10 students from the Personal Support Worker, Journalism, and Video Production programs join forces to explore Denmark's novel approach to dementia care by immersing themselves in the Danish model to enhance their classroom learning.

PSW students will meet and hear from seniors, healthcare professionals, and technology leaders, while Journalism and Video Production students capture compelling stories, photos, and videos to share back home. Together, they will bring back invaluable insights and inspire to lead a community conversation aimed at finding new ways to support seniors living with dementia in Ontario.

Program/learning highlights:

- In-depth learning: Gain unparalleled insights into Denmark's innovative dementia care strategies.
- Experiential learning for PSWs: Engage in hands-on experiences, meeting and learning directly from seniors, healthcare professionals, and technology experts.
- Storytelling mastery: Document the journey with impactful narratives that highlight the human side of dementia care.
- Visual impact: Create powerful visual content that brings the Danish experience to life.
- Industry insight: Visit to a local news outlet to meet a health reporter and learn about the news industry and its role in Danish society.
- Community engagement: Lead an inspiring conversation on how Ontario can adopt and adapt these practices to better support seniors living with dementia.

Dates:

Feb. 22 – March 2 (Winter Reading Week)

*Note: Dates may vary slightly depending on availability of flights.

Cultural highlights:

- You will visit the LEGO House, the Hans Christian Andersen Museum and a Viking museum.
- Enjoy a canal sightseeing tour in Copenhagen.
- Travel by train and ferry to see Denmark's countryside.

Timeline:

- Application deadline: Sept. 30 by 11:59 p.m. (see application information below)
- Applicant selection: Interviews Oct. 7 – 11; candidate selection by Oct. 18
- Team meetings: Oct. 21, Oct. 25 and Nov. 4
- Initial deposit: \$500 non-refundable deposit due by the team meeting in October. Final payment due in December 2024

Location:

Copenhagen, Odense and Aarhus, Denmark

Partner:

Danish-Canadian Eldercare Platform, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

<https://canada-en.editor.um.dk/the-trade-council/sectors-in-focus/healthcare-and-life-sciences/danish-canadian-eldercare-platform>

Language:

English, Denmark (translators available at certain locations)

Accommodation and meals:

Students will in hostels across the country. Accommodations will be double occupancy at local hotels. Costs include accommodations. Students can expect to spend about \$60 per day on meals (about \$420-\$500 in total).

Student Support:

DC students will be supported by DC faculty and International Education Office staff. One faculty member from Faculty of Media, Art and Design and one faculty member from the Faculty of Health Sciences will accompany the successful candidates to Denmark.

Visa and Passports:

Canadian students are not required to apply for a tourist visa for Denmark. Passports must be valid for six months after the return date. You must provide a copy of your passport by the team meeting in October. Students that do not hold Canadian Passports may be required to secure a visa at their own expense. [Information is available here](#). Be aware that flights may connect through countries other than Canada and Denmark.

Risks:

It is the student's responsibility to consider the potential risks of any travel. For more information on travel risks in Denmark, visit the Canadian government's [travel advisory page here](#).

Academics:

Students will be required to submit course work related to this FLCA experience. Faculty will advise of those assignments prior to travel.

Things to know:

- Students must attend pre-departure training.
- Students must follow the DC Student Code of Conduct throughout the duration of the program.
- Students are responsible for all associated pre-departure medical requirements.

Program costs:

Program cost will be discussed at the information session. An estimate of costs is as follows, but these are not final and subject to change:

- 7 nights in Denmark - \$2,900 CDN (approx.) per student
 - This cost includes all components of the travel, accommodations, seminars, workshops, cultural excursions and transportation.
 - Meals, shopping, souvenirs, etc. are additional costs (about \$500-\$600)
- A non-refundable deposit of \$500 will be required upon acceptance.

Education Abroad Bursary:

Students selected for an education abroad opportunity may be eligible for a travel bursary of up to \$1,500 CAD. The request for financial support is available in a DC Connect pre-departure course. Successful applicants will be added to the course.

Application Information**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Open to Personal Support Worker students in the Faculty of Health Sciences and to Journalism and Video Production students in the Faculty of Media, Art and Design
- Must have good academic standing and record of attendance.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (GPA will be confirmed prior to travel)
- Students must have no records with Campus Safety

How to apply:

Please apply via the Faculty-led Classroom Abroad – <https://durhamcollege.ca/forms/flcahome-and-away-storytelling-2024-25>

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