



CROSSING BORDERS

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP



Nova College



ABOUT NOVA COLLEGE

DUTCH VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

Nova College provides vocational education and training (VET) for students aged 16 and over and also introductory and advanced vocational education and training for adults. We have 1,200 members of staff and 12,000 students, aged 16 and up. Nova College is based West of Amsterdam and Schiphol Airport.

130 VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES

Nova College offers more than 130 vocational training courses, including automotive engineering, installation technology, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, construction, dance and theatre, sport, exercise and health (CIOS), trade and commerce, catering and facility management (Nova Hotel School), ICT, laboratory work, logistics, maritime, marketing and media, public order and safety, recreation, beauty care, business, healthcare, childcare and social work.

We offer training at various levels, from entry level (level 1) up to and including middle management or specialist (level 4). Students follow the programme that suits them best: either a five-day school week alternated with internships or a combination of school and work. We work closely with the business community.

INTERNATIONAL AMBITIONS

The Dutch economy has always depended heavily on international trade. Globalization is a fact and international collaborations are becoming ever more important. Our students need to be able to look beyond national borders. If they can acquire international and intercultural skills, improve their language skills, and push their own boundaries, then it would be easier to begin an (international) career.

OUR STUDENTS

Independent research has shown that Nova College students are the most satisfied in the Randstad area, covering Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Utrecht and we're proud of it.

OUR MISSION

We like to see our students happy, so we provide more than just vocational training. We give our students personal care and attention and we make sure they feel at home. We offer them a safe learning environment with clear rules. We want our students to grow, develop, gain self-confidence, become independent, and get to know themselves – so that they will acquire the knowledge and skills they need to practice a profession, but also develop the mentality and attitude they need to understand what society expects of them.



DUTCH SYSTEM FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

VET COLLEGES

Level 1

entry level

level 2 basic

vocational training

Level 3 full

professional training

Level 4

middle-management
and specialist training

UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

(RE)INTEGRATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

SECONDARY EDUCATION >12 YEARS

Pre-vocational
education (vmbo)

Senior general
secondary
education (havo)

Pre-university
education (vwo)

PRIMARY EDUCATION 6 -12 YEARS



Nienke Rooijers (18)

Nienke is following the Teaching Assistant course and was on a nine-week internship at a primary school in Malta.

'It makes you resilient. I can look after myself in unusual situations, and I can handle being in front of a group of people. It feels good to know that about myself.'



Koen Lubbers (19)

Koen is training to be an All-Round Construction Worker and has already been to Sweden twice, first as a participant and then as a student coach.

'As a student coach you accompany the group, with supervision of a teacher, during the trip and at the accommodation. You go on the trip together as a group and you have to get everyone home safely. It can be stressful sometimes, getting everyone to the right place at the right time.'



Patrick Keuter (18)

Patrick is following the Junior Account Manager IVS course (in English) and spent two four-week periods at pop-up schools in Liverpool and Berlin.

'At a pop-up school you take language lessons while working on an assignment given by a local business entrepreneur. Besides the fantastic memories, I've now got language certificates in English and German!'



Simon van Zanen (18)

Simon is training to be a maritime officer and did a five-month uninterrupted placement at the Danser Van Gent shipping company, visiting a total of 14 different countries.

'This experience has confirmed that ocean shipping really suits me. The sunsets in the middle of the ocean, sailing through the Norwegian fjords or the sheer tranquillity when you have nothing around you but water... It's simply fantastic.'

INTERNATIONALISATION AND ERASMUS+

Nova College has been given Erasmus+ funding for international internships since 2007 – not just for students but also for increasing numbers of staff members, who are eager to go abroad to acquire and share knowledge. They attend seminars and visit internship students and professional colleagues. The number of students who want to do an internship abroad has grown rapidly in recent years, and for good reason: it is a valuable experience that promotes both personal and professional growth.

As of 2016, Nova College carries the VET Mobility Charter quality hallmark, proving that we give our students good preparation and guidance for international work and that internationalisation is part and parcel of our education and training programme.





Aniek Schilder (19)

Aniek is following the CIOS Sport and Exercise Coordinator course and did her internship in Belgium at an outdoor event centre.

'I chose the 'outside sports' profile, so the internships are often abroad. I spent the whole summer in the Ardennes organizing activities like climbing, abseiling, mountain biking, canoeing and potholing. And next summer I'll be working there.'

NOVA COLLEGE OFFERS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Automotive engineering

Beauty care

Business

Childcare and social work

Construction

Dance and theatre

Electrical engineering

Healthcare

ICT

Installation technology

Laboratory work

Logistics

Maritime

Marketing and media

Mechanical engineering

Nova Hotel School

Public order and safety

Recreation

Sport, exercise and health (CIOS)

Trade and commerce

Please contact us

If you would like to explore possibilities for cooperation, please contact us.

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