

Finnish Education System

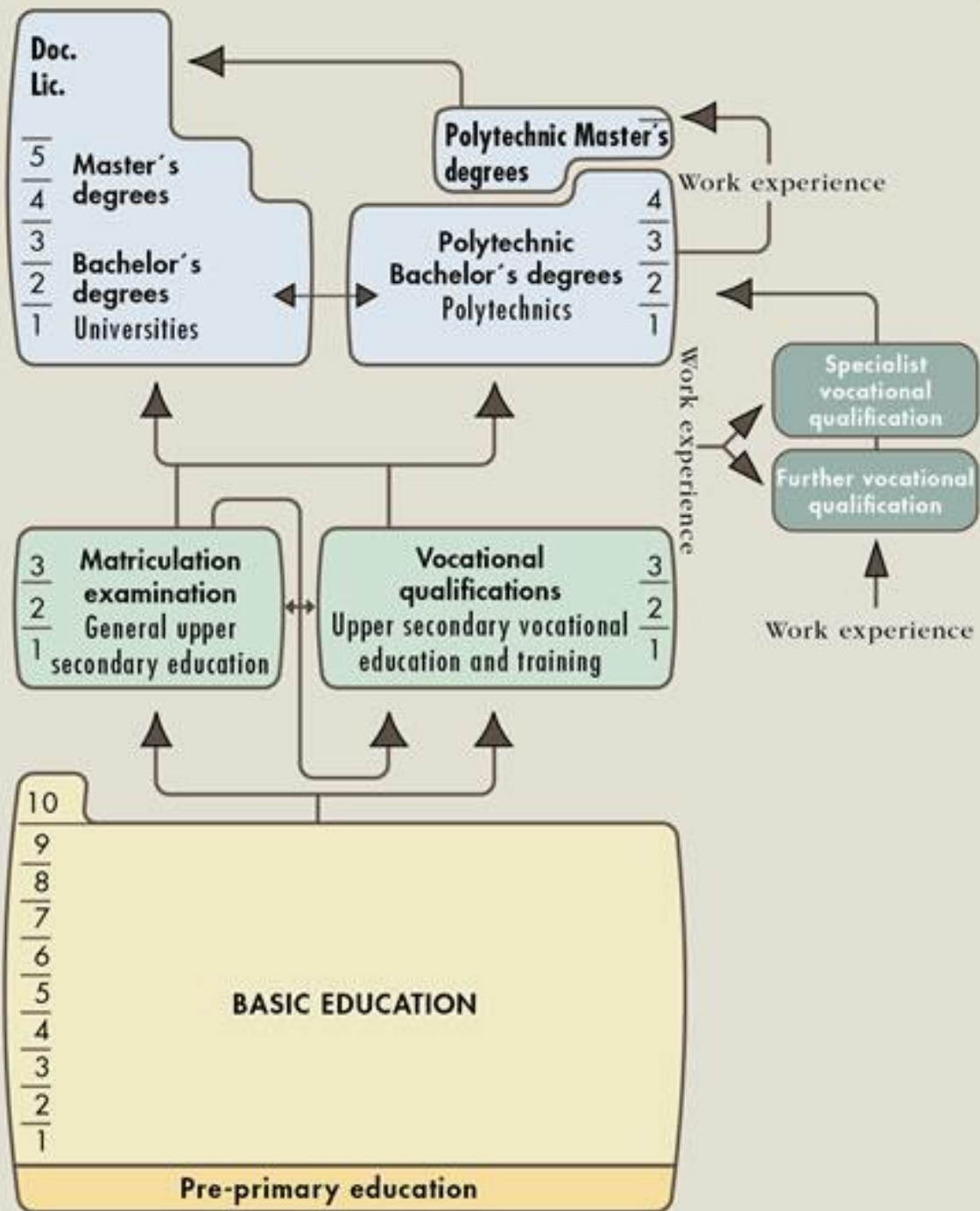
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Cygnaeus High School

Student Council

Basic Education

- a nine-year comprehensive curriculum for the whole age group
- teaching is provided by schools near the home
- teaching, materials, school transport and school meals are free
- includes a one-year long voluntary pre-primary education
- local authorities can also provide voluntary morning and afternoon activities for pupils in basic education
- provides the necessary prerequisites for all upper secondary education



Upper Secondary Studies

General Upper Secondary

- completion of basic education syllabus (comprehensive school)
- General upper secondary schools select their students mainly on the basis of previous study records
- primarily aim at further education at the higher level



Vocational Upper Secondary and training

- completion of basic education syllabus
- the studies primarily aim at obtaining the vocational skills needed in working life
- studies give general eligibility to apply for studies at universities and polytechnics
- 20 credits (around 6 months) of the studies are conducted on-the-job;



General Upper Secondary

- 15-19-year old
- 2-4 years (syllabus planned for three years)
- Progress in studies is individual
- General upper secondary schools select their students mainly on the basis of previous study records
- General upper secondary education is also available to adults, adjusted to their circumstances
- More than half of each age group complete general upper secondary school



- THANK YOU – KIITOS!

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