

## Experience Sweden – work as a Family Doctor at Region Skåne



Sweden provides one of the best living standards in the world. Residents here enjoy free education, subsidised health care, an extensive and smooth-running public transport system and access to the magnificent unspoilt countryside.

As a Swedish region, Skåne with 1.3 million inhabitants is part of one of Europe's most exciting and dynamic regions: Öresund. Here you are close to everything from bustling city life to small picturesque towns and a captivating rural landscape.

Region Skåne is a self-governing administrative region and offers the possibility to work with dedicated colleagues from many other professions. Staff members enjoy competitive salaries and benefits, as 5-6 weeks of annual vacation, flexible working hours and extensive possibilities to parental leave.

Region Skåne is now looking for experienced Family Doctors interested in working and living in Sweden, start date autumn 2015 and early 2016. To learn more about Skåne please visit: [www.visitskane.com/en](http://www.visitskane.com/en)

### The work of a Family doctor/General Practitioner in Sweden

A Family Doctor's work at public Health Care Centres in Sweden includes tasks that require a deep and broad knowledge of diagnostics and treatment regarding health problems at all ages. Swedish patients expect participation and information to a great extent and their expectations are confirmed by Swedish legislation.

An average Family Doctor's work includes giving priority on the basis of medical urgency, switching between short acute visits, longer consultations, home visits, and monitoring over a long period of time an individual's various health problems as well as assessing and taking into account the person's entire living situation.

At public Health Care Centres in general there are usually equipment for minor surgery and various types of examinations. Interdisciplinary teams are established to manage chronic diseases like diabetes, asthma, COPD, dementia, etc., which enable the team- members to deepen their knowledge to the benefit of their patients. The work also includes basic child and maternal health care, preventive and rehabilitative work and administrative duties. Training and supervision of medical students, at all educational levels, is also an important and much rewarding task.

As a Family Doctor at Region Skåne you are encouraged to conduct own research as well as to participate in cutting-edge research projects at Center for Primary Health Care Research (CPF), the largest and most productive family and community medicine department in Europe.

### Qualifications

License to practice and specialist qualification to work as a Family Doctor in Sweden must have been granted before departure to Sweden. Please follow the links below to the National Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen) on how to receive a formal recognition of your professional qualifications.

### Introduction and Employment

The successful candidates are offered permanent employment as Family Doctors provided that language tests and competence evaluation are passed during an introductory period. The length of the introductory period depends on individual language skills, medical knowledge and experience. To practice as a Family Doctor at Region Skåne level C1 in Swedish is required. *Successful candidates will be offered language courses as part of their introduction.*

### Relocation and salary information

Support regarding finding accommodation and general relocation issues is provided by Region Skåne. The salary range for a Family Doctor, holding the required language skills and competence, starts at SEK 62,000/month. The salary during the introductory period ranges between SEK 30,000-40,000/month.

### **Application**

Please send your CV and cover letter to [johan.lundqvist@skane.se](mailto:johan.lundqvist@skane.se) no later than **10<sup>th</sup> of May**. Interviews are carried out in Athens early June. Study visits to Sweden may be offered in June/July.

### **Useful links:**

License to practice:

[www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseeea/doctorofmedicine](http://www.socialstyrelsen.se/applicationforswedishlicencetopractiseeea/doctorofmedicine)

Language training:

[www.folkuniversitetet.se/isu](http://www.folkuniversitetet.se/isu)

About Region Skåne:

<http://skane.se/organisation-politik/om-region-skane/Publikationer/politik-organisation/region-skane---world-class-quality-of-life/>

Research (CPF):

[www.skane.se/sv/Webbplatser/FoU-samlingsnod/Centrum-for-Primarvardsforskning-/Our\\_Research/](http://www.skane.se/sv/Webbplatser/FoU-samlingsnod/Centrum-for-Primarvardsforskning-/Our_Research/)

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