

Dear Admission Committee,

I am Wael Awad, an IT professional eager for new challenges and passionate about technology. With over 20 years of experience and a strong drive for learning, I am excited to apply for the Master's program in Managing Digital Transformation in the Health Sector at Laurea University of Applied Sciences.

I'm self-driven and well organized, determined, focused and hardworking international professional who enjoys undertaking, leading and solving challenging tasks in an agile way. Additionally, I am energetic, and passionate about my work, being extremely interested in new technologies and learning more of them. I have great knowledge of IoT, cloud technology, AI, automation, configurations, and cybersecurity. I enjoy teamwork and the ability to achieve goals effectively.

My journey began with a Bachelor's degree from Al Isra University, where I proudly ranked second in my faculty. This achievement earned me the opportunity to participate in the IASTE program, bringing me to Finland to join Nokia. There, I honed my skills in software engineering, project management, and line management.

After gaining valuable experience, I ventured into entrepreneurship, establishing my own accounting company. However, my passion for innovation led me to explore the dynamic world of gaming. I worked with companies like Parlingo Oy and Kuusasema Oy, immersing myself in new challenges and opportunities.

Driven by a thirst for knowledge, I pursued a Master's degree in IT at Metropolia University of Applied Sciences. Here, I excelled academically, delving into diverse fields such as project management, AI, and machine learning.

Discovering the program in Managing Digital Transformation in the Health Sector ignited a new spark within me. Its comprehensive curriculum and focus on cutting-edge technologies resonated deeply with my aspirations. I am eager to embark on this journey, confident that I can contribute meaningfully to this transformative field.

This program offers a comprehensive understanding of planning and facilitating the digitalization of health and social care services, leveraging Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). I am particularly drawn to the multidisciplinary approach, focusing on health sector skills, societal skills, and digital skills, all delivered in a flexible online format. The multicultural and interdisciplinary learning environment, enriched by teachers from European Higher Education institutions, promises a stimulating educational experience.

The opportunity to specialize in either Data Science or Interoperability aligns perfectly with my career goals and interests. The curriculum covers a wide range of

topics essential for driving digital transformation in healthcare, from organizational aspects to service design and health data management.

I am impressed by the program's emphasis on practical application and project-based learning, allowing students to develop real-world solutions while balancing professional commitments. The master's thesis, in particular, offers a unique opportunity to conduct independent research and contribute to the advancement of the field.

I am confident that this program will equip me with the knowledge and skills needed to make meaningful contributions to the digital transformation of healthcare. I am eager to embark on this journey of learning and growth, and I am excited about the prospect of studying at Laurea University.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss my qualifications and aspirations.

Sincerely, Wael Awad