



CEPA Program Proposal



“Early Childhood Education”

Sweden

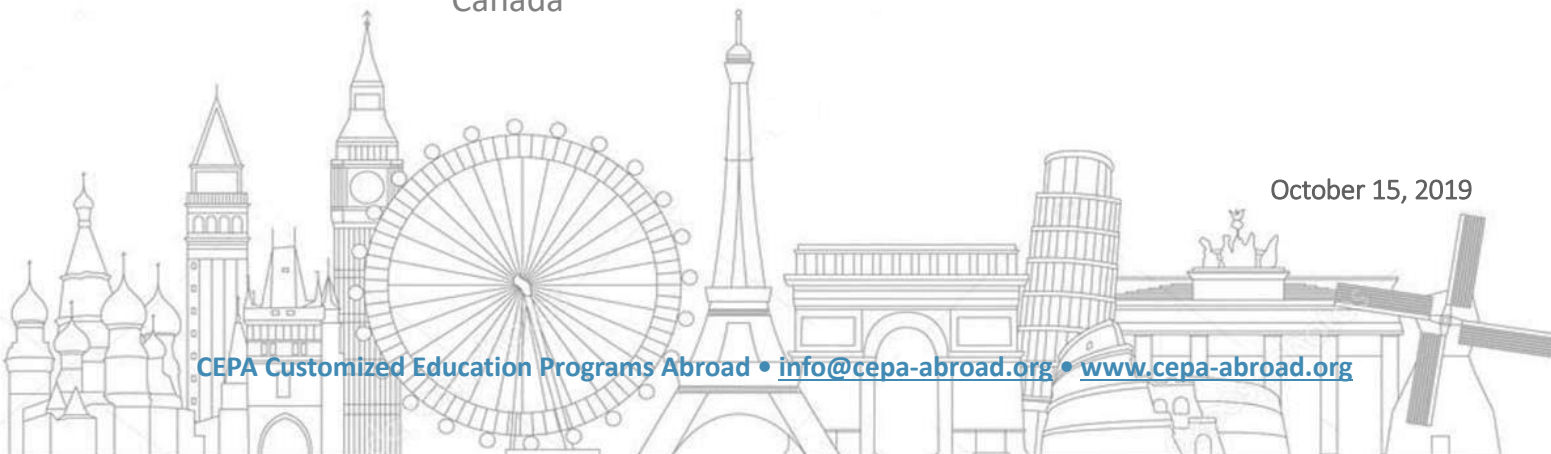
February 29 - March 7, 2020 (8 days)



Customized for:

Assiniboine Community College
Canada

October 15, 2019



Day 1 Saturday, February 29

- Depart for Stockholm, Sweden

Day 2 Sunday, March 1 Stockholm

- Arrive at Stockholm Arlanda Airport (ARN)
- Transportation by private bus from the airport to your hotel
- 6 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms incl. breakfast at the 3-star **Hotel Tegnér**lunden
- Public transportation pass for the duration of your entire stay in Stockholm
- **Orientation session** with your local coordinator at the hotel which is followed by an orientation walking tour of the neighborhood to show you the closest supermarket, post office, ATM, bank, pharmacy etc.
- **Guided walking tour of Stockholm's old town**, Gamla Stan, in the afternoon to get a first impression of your new surroundings and see some of Stockholm's highlights, such as the Royal Palace, the German Church, and the Big Square
- **Welcome dinner** at a restaurant in Stockholm to kick off the program
(can be planned alternatively on Day 3, depending on your preference)

Day 3 Monday, March 2 Stockholm

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Public transportation during the day
- Visit to a **Montessori School** in Stockholm, e.g. Stockholm International Montessori School, to learn about the Montessori Method of Education, developed by Maria Montessori, which is a child-centered educational approach based on scientific observations of children. Montessori's method has been used for over 100 years in many parts of the world.
- Visit to a **Waldorf School** in Stockholm, to learn about the waldorf education, e.g. Kristofferskolan. The first Waldorf school was founded in 1919 in Stuttgart on the initiative of the manufacturer Emil Molt. He commissioned Rudolf Steiner to start a school for the workers' children. After the First World War, there was a wave of educational innovation through Europe and the United States. Many people reacted to the then traditional school's industrial outlook on education and man, and at the same time wanted to build a school that would also promote a peace impulse.

Day 4 Tuesday, March 3 Stockholm

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Public transportation during the day
- Visit to a **preschool**, e.g. Futuraskolan International Pre-School Brun. In Sweden, from their first birthday, children are entitled to a place in a municipal preschool or one of the independent preschools and pedagogical care institutions that are part of the city's joint queue management system.
- Guided tour of the **Royal Palace**, which is built in baroque style by the architect Nicodemus Tessin and is formed as a Roman palace. The palace has more than 600 rooms divided between eleven floors with a state apartment facing the city and smaller living rooms facing the inner courtyard.

Day 5 Wednesday, March 4 Stockholm

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Public transportation during the day
- Visit to a **primary or lower secondary school (Grundskolan or Realskolan)**. In the Swedish compulsory school, each student takes 16 compulsory subjects which are, sorted by time allocated: Swedish, Mathematics, Physical Education, English, Handicrafts, Music, Visual arts, Technology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Social Studies, Religion, Geography and Home Economics. All of these subjects are taken in all three school stages, lower stage (grades 1-3), middle stage (grade 4-6), and upper stage (grades 7-9).
- Free afternoon to discover Stockholm further on your own

Day 6 Thursday, March 5 Stockholm

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Public transportation during the day
- Visit to an **upper secondary school (Gymnasieskolan)**, e.g. Östra Reals Gymnasium. As part of a student-linked school funding system, children and their parents can select the school they prefer. A reservation for children are always made at their local school, since entry to other schools is subject to availability. There is always the option of changing schools from one school year to the next, regardless of where in Stockholm the student lives.
- Admission to the **Nobel Museum**, a museum devoted to circulating information on the Nobel Prize. The Nobel Prize Museum showcases information about the Nobel Prize and Nobel prizewinners, as well as information about the founder of the prize, Alfred Nobel (1833-1896). The museum's permanent display includes many artifacts donated by Nobel Laureates, presented together with personal life stories.

Day 7 Friday, March 6 Stockholm

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Public transportation during the day
- Visit to the **Department of Education** at Stockholm University for a meeting with faculty members and/or students and to learn about the Swedish Education System
- Use your last afternoon in Stockholm for final discussions and reflection
- **Farewell dinner** at a restaurant in Stockholm to wrap up the program

Day 8 Saturday, March 7 Stockholm

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transportation from the hotel to the airport by private bus
- Departure from Stockholm Arlanda Airport (ARN) to the USA (airfare not included)