

# CONTACTS

● [www.irtshdf.fr](http://www.irtshdf.fr)

## Catherine Gontier

International Relations Manager  
cgontier@irtshdf.fr  
Phone : +33 3 28 55 52 62  
Skype : gontier.catherine

## IRTS Nord Pas de Calais

International Office  
Rue Ambroise Paré  
BP 71  
F 59373 LOOS CEDEX  
FRANCE



# IRTS Hauts-de-France ●

A FRENCH HIGH SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK ●



**IRTS**  
Institut Régional  
du Travail Social  
Hauts-de-France

L'IRTS, PARTENAIRE ●  
DE VOTRE PARCOURS



**The Social Work Régional Institute (IRTS Hauts-de-France),** North of France, belongs to the Higher Education sector. The IRTS hosts every year on its 5 training schools (Loos, Valenciennes, Arras, Grande Synthe and Etaples) more than 5000 students, interns and professionals. Each location is managed transversally.

## 13 UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE SOCIAL WORK DEGREES

- The Department of Bachelor degrees (Département de Formation initiale) prepares students to become social workers (Assistant de Service Social - ASS) and educators (Éducateur Spécialisé - ES or Éducateur Technique Spécialisé - ETS).
- The Continuing Vocational Training Department (Département de formation continue) - at times, in partnership with universities - develops academic training courses, in connection with initial education, leading to diplomas as well as interschool or specific on-site training, leading to qualification. It includes the Management Training Center.
- The Department of research and social work investigation (Pôle Recherche)

The three departments help future social workers and current social services to face the complexity of their evolving functions. The courses give a sound basis for self-development in combining personal skills, ability, knowledge and a willingness to improve, as well as a better understanding of other people.



## SOCIAL WORKER TRAINING

In France, students in social work are trained for three years. They enter the school with a diploma of secondary studies (Baccalauréat) and finish their studies with the equivalent of a Bachelor degree (National State Diploma in Social Work).

The dual training system consists of compulsory and optional courses and work placements / internships. The latter completes the training and provides the students with knowledge and experience from professionals. Students begin their training either with a one-semester work training period or with a semester spent at school.



The academic year is divided into two terms:

- 1st semester : from september to january
- 2nd semester : from february to june

The teaching staff is composed of full-time teachers, part-time lecturers, social work professionals and researchers.

All compulsory and optional courses are in French. Students who wish to improve their French may follow extra courses at the University in Lille at their own expense.



## ERASMUS + STUDENT AND STAFF MOBILITY

Erasmus students who have moved to France for their study program and who are admitted to the IRTS Hauts-de-France do not have any fees to pay for their courses.

**Admission deadline : Semester 1 - May, 17 / Semester 2 - November, 17**

If you are a student or an academic staff and you want to come, study, do your internship or teach at the IRTS in the frame of the Erasmus mobility Program, please contact your international office and the IRTS International Office