

# Architecture & Dwelling

MSc\_3 Graduation Studio

Designing for Care -Towards a Healthy and Inclusive Living Environment



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## Tutors

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Location	TBA
Excursion	TBA
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We are, now more than ever, aware of the role of our everyday (built) environment on our health and quality of life. For instance, views on nature, access to services, fresh air, daylight, privacy, having control over your environment, attractive stairs are just a few of the design features that architects can use to support healthcare through design.

The current societal and health-related issues (e.g. aging, increase preventable and long-term diseases, lack of healthcare staff, loneliness and ...) require a transformation of the healthcare system. Instead of only treating disease, new models also pay attention to prevention of disease and promotion of health and quality of life. And, while healthcare used to take place in hospitals and elderly homes, now healthcare takes place within our communities as part of a network of health and care. What does this change mean for designing buildings for care?

This MSC3 studio questions how to design for care.

How can space offer the care for those who will need it? What are general and specific spatial needs for certain population?

This studio is unique in its methods to work with the target populations; using ethnographic/ anthropological methods will allow you to meet with, and investigate the specific needs of your focus group. For instance; you may stay at an elderly home for 5 days and nights together with one other student, participate in the daily life, observe the situation and people and talk to the elderly and caregivers. What you have learned will provide input for your design proposal.

You can focus on new care home concepts like homes for elderly, for children and (young) adults with mental health issues, or short-term care needs (patient hotel). Or you can focus on other health/care related building typologies that are part of the network for care, such as primary care centre, hospice, cancer support centres or healthy neighbourhoods.

The first quarter of the graduation studio is dedicated to ethnographic/ anthropological research, literature and case studies. The design gradually will come into play. Several design sites in the Netherlands will be offered.