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Kim Holtkamp was born in 1991 in Veldhoven, the Netherlands. After she finished secondary school at the Sondervick College (VWO), she obtained her Bachelor in Health Sciences with specialisations in Health Promotion and Mental Health at Maastricht University in 2012. As part of her bachelor thesis, she joined a project on Lynch syndrome and familial colorectal cancer at the department of Health Promotion of Maastricht University. In this project, she assessed the differences in physical and psychosocial status between Lynch syndrome carriers and people with familial colorectal cancer.



In 2012, she moved to Amsterdam where she enrolled in the Master Health Sciences at VU University. During her Master, she was a student member of the education committee Health Sciences which consisted of both teachers and students, and was committed to improve and guarantee the quality of the study programme. As part of the six-month internship period of the Master, she was able to join the department of Clinical Genetics, section Community Genetics at the VU University Medical Center to be part of a project on Non-invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT). In July 2013, she obtained her master's degree.

In October 2013, she returned to the section Community Genetics to start as a junior researcher on a project on Targeted preconception genetic carrier testing in high-risk groups (the POM project) under the supervision of prof.dr. Martina Cornel, dr. Lidewij Henneman, dr. Phillis Lakeman, and dr. Merel van Maarle. Alongside her work as a junior researcher, she was part of the PhD committee of the EMGO Institute for Health and Care Research from January 2015 until December 2016.

As of April 2017, Kim works for the Netwerk Acute Zorg Brabant located at the Elisabeth-TweeSteden Ziekenhuis in Tilburg. Currently, Kim and her partner Jaron Somers live in 's Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands.