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■ A warm welcome – your Hochschule für Gesundheit (hsg)

In addition to a total of six undergraduate bachelor degree programmes, the Hochschule für Gesundheit Bochum (University of Applied Sciences) founded in November 2009 in Bochum also offers an extra-occupational bachelor degree programme and a consecutive master degree programme in health care. The hsg is the only state university in Germany to offer the five health care professions of occupational therapy, midwifery, speech and language therapy, nursing and physiotherapy as undergraduate bachelor degree programmes. These five degree programmes, as well as the master degree programme 'Evidence-based Health Care' are offered by the Department of Applied Health Sciences.

The Department of Community Health also offers the full-time bachelor degree programme 'Health and Diversity Studies', as well as the extra-occupational bachelor degree programme 'Community Health Care'.

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■ Why this programme?

The idea of ageing in place has never been more important, as we encounter new challenges due to the demographic change. Most people would prefer to remain in their own home and community as long as possible, regardless of age or ability level. Supporting people to age in place is the essence of this programme. Practitioners are concerned with community health issues associated with the possibilities of ageing in place.



■ Programme description

Community Health Care has a strong interdisciplinary flavour, attracting students with a wide range of different qualifications and professional backgrounds. The programme draws on a wide range of different disciplines, from health sciences and urban planning, to health information technology and health economics. The Hochschule für Gesundheit (hsg) offers an undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Arts). There are special requirements for admission to this programme. We welcome applications only from health care practitioners and professionals. Students can integrate the programme with their jobs. The programme starts in September each academic year and is taught in German.

■ Aims

The programme is ideal for those who would like to work in community health related fields including health services, local authorities, voluntary organisations, health information or health promotion. As well as acquiring technical skills, students will develop collaborative team working, communication and research skills. The Programme emphasises critical thinking and provides a comprehensive theoretical and practical training in community health care competencies.

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■ Career opportunities

Community health care practitioners are employed in:

- health services
- local authorities
- the voluntary sector
- city planning offices
- the housing industry



■ Programme Structure

With its modular format students can complete the programme in four years. The programme is structured so that in the first semesters students take introductory courses to help them develop skills and understanding which will assist them in progressing to the courses in the higher semesters. Teaching is by a variety of methods, including lectures, class discussions, student presentations, poster presentations, case study analyses, group work, seminars and workshops as well as interactive computer based exercises, a virtual learning environment, and guided independent learning. This programme is designed to allow students a great deal of flexibility, with a large range of online courses. Students will be supported by the programme team, and have access to additional support and resources from across the university.

■ Study abroad

Students have the possibility to study or to do an internship abroad as part of or in addition to their degree programme. The hsg has excellent relationships with numerous exchange partners in Europe and across the globe. For more information please contact the International Office or the programme coordinator. Furthermore the hsg offers a range of online courses in modern foreign languages for students wishing to improve or extend their language skills. Courses are offered from beginner to advanced level.



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