



Hochschule
für Gesundheit

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**Speech and
Language Therapy**
Degree Programme (B.Sc.)
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■ A Warm Welcome – Your Hochschule für Gesundheit (hsg)

The Hochschule für Gesundheit (University of Applied Sciences) is the first state-run university for healthcare professions in Germany. Since the winter semester 2010/2011 the hsg has been offering Bachelor degree programmes in the fields of midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech and language therapy.

As part of the Healthcare Campus North Rhine-Westphalia the hsg opens up far-reaching perspectives to its students in the growing healthcare sector. The hsg contributes actively and directly to improve the healthcare of the general public – interprofessionally, practice-oriented and scientifically sound.

This brochure provides you with general information about all aspects of the speech and language therapy degree programme. At www.hs-gesundheit.de you will find more detailed information about the hsg and contact details. You can also contact us directly: please find our address and telephone number on the back of this brochure.

We look forward to hearing from you!

*Studying
at the Hochschule
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surprisingly
practical prospects!*



■ Definitely Practical Studying at hsg

The hsg offers comprehensive and practice-oriented degree programmes. These programmes comprise the Bachelor's degree as academic degree and the state examination under the law governing professions. This form of double qualification acquired at a state-run university is unique in Germany.

Teaching and learning are structured in modules and help to develop reflexion skills and self-organised learning. Case-oriented learning has been integrated as the central learning method for learning in typical clinical contexts. This learning method is also used to scientifically reflect and analyse current clinical practice.



■ Always Something Special

We offer our students interprofessional learning, intensive teaching of theory and practice and supervision over the course of the programme. During the first semesters all our students participate in interprofessional as well as profession-focused lectures and seminars. Students will experience the link between theory, practice and research and will be supervised by hsg professors during their clinical placements at cooperating clinical facilities.

■ Learning through exchange Interprofessional Studies

The hsg prepares its students for managing the fast-changing and demanding work requirements in the public health sector. For example, interprofessional cooperation will be an important prerequisite for optimal healthcare in the future. Interprofessional working skills facilitate the cooperation between various healthcare professionals in solving complex patient/ client problems to achieve an outcome that would not have been achieved by one profession solitarily.

Interprofessional teaching and learning ('Interprofessional Education' – IPE) as prerequisite for acquiring interprofessional working skills is a major feature of the hsg. Students learn and work together in projects, analyse what each profession could contribute to solve a problem and work together in Skills-Labs where students can put ideas to the test within the safe environment of the hsg. All degree programmes are interconnected by joint theory and practice modules, for developing interprofessional skills from the first day of study on. Role play, profession-related self-awareness, various methods of reflexion, communication and interaction training support this objective.

All teaching and researching members of the hsg are committed to supporting the concept of interprofessional work.

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■ **Speech and Language Therapy Practice**

Language and communication are significant in all areas of life. Good language skills are of central importance for success at school and in training. Speech and language therapy can pointedly and professionally assist in communication disorders across whole life spans.

Speech and language therapy comprises preventing, diagnosing, consulting and treating communication disorders with people of any age.

The demographic and multicultural changes in our society as well as general medical progress result in increasing new and high demands being made of speech and language therapists.

The number of age-related, complex and severe disorders, for example chronic-degenerative brain disease, is increasing and requires a multiprofessional team applying optimised treatment strategies.

In order to effectively prevent delays in language development, treating premature babies, advising parents and early language intervention are of growing importance.

The outlook on the job market for speech and language therapists is very positive, due not only to the diversity of the services they can offer in the different fields of healthcare, but also to the growing need for speech and language therapy services.

■ **Outlook on the Job Market**

Job opportunities for speech and language therapists are as varied as their scopes of tasks. They work in independent practices, ear, nose and throat hospitals, neurological and children's hospitals, as well as rehabilitation centres, centres for people with disabilities, public health offices and nursery schools. Additionally, you can set up your own independent speech and language therapy practice. Your academic degree prepares you for a managing position and/or scientific research jobs in the above fields of practice. Senior positions with associations, health insurance providers or in industry are further options on the job market. The Bachelor degree also qualifies speech and language therapists to work abroad.

■ **The Speech and Language Therapy Degree Programme**

The undergraduate speech and language therapy degree programme is geared to a Bachelor of Science degree. By passing the state examination in your sixth semester, you will additionally earn the essential requirement for permission to use the professional title "speech and language therapist".

The speech and language degree programme is characterised by a science-based grounding in theory dovetailed with clinical practice training.

Within the framework of practice placements and fieldwork supervision, we support you in gaining competencies and skills needed for science-based speech and language therapy practice in a range of different fields.



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■ Speech and Language Therapy Curriculum

Speech, language and hearing disorders of children, adolescents and adults, voice and breathing problems – speech and language therapy students not only learn about the theory of communication disorders, but also in regular practical exercises about professional everyday work with its diverse fields of activities. The concept and profile of the speech and language therapy degree programme address current requirements in this interdisciplinary health discipline. Professional practice, alongside speech and language therapy, is based on integrating and applying knowledge gained from basic research (medical science, linguistics, psychology, educational science). Thus, these related academic disciplines are systematically integrated into the degree programme.

■ The Aim

As a speech and language therapist you work with people in different life situations who suffer from communication disorders (speech, language and voice disorders) as well as from hearing impairment and swallowing disorders. The speech and language degree programme at hsg aims to prepare you in theory and in practice to meet the challenges you will encounter in professional life.

You will acquire the basic and professional knowledge, skills and techniques required during your studies and be enabled to work independently, based on evidence, as a therapist, and with your theory grounding, to critically appraise scientific knowledge. In accordance with the Bologna structure, the degree programme is organised in modules. The degree programme always starts in the winter semester.

■ Student Workload

The speech and language therapy degree programme is a full-time programme and comprises seven semesters, including the Bachelor thesis. The student workload is measured according to ECTS credit points. One ECTS credit point is the equivalent

of 30 hours (timetabled classes, but also private study and practice placements) and the overall degree programme corresponds to 210 ECTS. There are a total of 26 modules, six of which are practice modules which are closely interlinked. These modules consist of internal and external practice phases. Internal practice phases take place in the framework of the hsg teaching and research outpatient clinic. External practice phases are conducted with selected cooperative partners in different fields of professional practice. The teaching and research outpatient clinic is a central institution uniting teaching, professional practice and research. It helps link theory to practice by demonstrating diagnostic methods and therapeutic interventions, by practical application of knowledge gained under qualified supervision, as well as by testing and exploring new concepts of care.



■ Particularities

The undergraduate speech and language therapy degree programme leads to two qualifications – state approval including permission to use the professional title “Speech and Language Therapist” (after passing the state examination in the sixth semester) and the “Bachelor of Science” degree in speech and language therapy (after successfully completing the programme, writing the Bachelor thesis and passing an oral examination).

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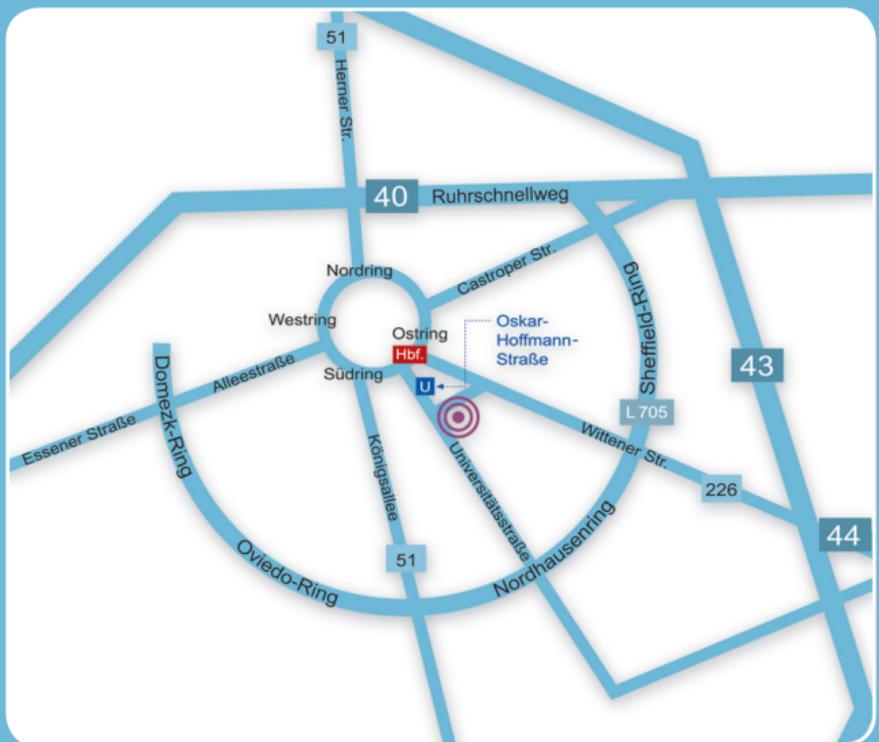
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■ How to find us



By car:

If you come via the autobahn (A 40 or A 43), take the exit on to Sheffield Ring (L 705). Stay on the L 705 and take the exit marked “BO-Querenburg/BO-Wiemelhausen” and turn right at “K3/Universitätsstraße”. The Hochschule für Gesundheit (hsg) is on the right.

By public transport:

From Bochum Central Station (Hauptbahnhof), take the underground, line U35, heading for “Hustadt/Querenburg”. Get off at “Oskar-Hoffmann-Straße” and take the “Brunsteinstraße” exit from the station. hsg is just a few minutes’ walk away.