

University of Applied Sciences, Bochum (Germany)

Bachelor of Science programme “Speech and Language Therapy” at the University of Applied Sciences, Bochum (Germany)

The University of Applied Sciences in Bochum was founded as part of the Health Campus in Germany’s North Rhine-Westphalia. The University is the only publicly-funded institution for higher education in Germany that offers Bachelor of Science programmes in the field of allied health professions. Currently, five BSc programmes are offered; speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, midwifery and nursing.

The full-time speech and language therapy programme entails 26 modules, spread out over 7 semesters. An important aim of the programme is the achievement of professional clinical-therapeutic skills at an academic level. In the first 4 semesters, five modules are taught with the other Bachelor programmes together. These modules are entitled “interprofessional education” (IPE).

With regard to the professional field, the speech and language programme focuses on the different dimensions of professional practice throughout different settings. Core elements with regard to this focus are the interprofessional practice with health- and education-related partners as well as evidence-based speech and language evaluation and treatment.

Clinical placement

A key component of the programme is the close connection between the theoretical and practical education. Through six clinical placements, a professional approach to speech and language therapy is taught as well as the acquirement of reflective skills with regard to the development of “reflective practice”. Both elements contribute to the ability of analyzing its own personal professional competence which is evidence-based.

“Lehr- und Forschungsambulanz” (LuFa) Teaching and Research Center

The speech and language therapy programme has its own integrated teaching and research center, which acts as a central element for the integration of theory, practice and research by:

- Real-life demonstrations of evaluation and therapy by faculty of the University,
- Translation of theory into practice by students under supervision of our faculty, and
- Creation and evaluation of new therapy concepts.