

Discipline	Health Sciences and Nursing Science
Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)
Standard Length of Studies	6 semesters
Special Form of Studies	Full-time, dual system (combining higher education study with vocational education and training) which qualifies students for the professions of nursing, speech and language therapy/logopedics and physiotherapy
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Accredited by	Accreditation Agency for Study Programmes in Special Education, Care, Health Sciences and Social Work (AHPGS)
Date of Accreditation	15 February 2007
Period of Accreditation	The period of accreditation lasts five years starting with the beginning of the study programme. AHPGS must be given written notice of the beginning of the programme and a written confirmation that the conditions stated in the evaluation report have been fulfilled.
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The dual system bachelor's degree programme's admission requirements in § 3 of the study regulations should be specified in regard to the selection criteria and procedure. - The academic blocks to be studied at the campus of Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences must be coordinated with the work experience/practice phases of each vocational training programme. - The joint examination regulations of the bachelor's and two master's degree programmes must be revised (i.e. § 5 'Recognition of examination credits', section 4, which states that credits will not be awarded for already completed bachelor's and master's thesis, must be deleted). - The HEI must show proof that it has implemented the planned concept for its body of academic and administrative staff. - The regulations must be revised and submitted after authorisation.
Profile of the Degree Programme	<p>The bachelor's degree programme in Health Sciences and Nursing Science is a dual system programme (combining higher education study and vocational education and training) in nursing, speech and language therapy/logopedics and physiotherapy It is offered by Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences. The vocational education and training phase has been designed according to state regulations for these professions and is conducted at partner vocational schools.</p> <p>The standard length of studies for the bachelor's degree</p>

	<p>programme and vocational education and training is four years total and equals six semesters of studying. Students earn 180 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System) and obtain a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree for successfully completing the programme.</p> <p>The bachelor's degree programme consists of two phases. The first phase is vocational education- and training-oriented and lasts 2.5 years. It is offered in cooperation with 26 partner vocational schools. The second phase is full-time study at Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences and lasts 1.5 years.</p> <p>The bachelor's degree programme has 29 modules plus a work experience module and the bachelor's thesis. The partner vocational schools provide seven specialised modules, for which students earn 42 credits. These credits are accredited toward the programme by 'awarding degree credits for knowledge and skills acquired outside the higher education system'. Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences provides and takes responsibility for 22 modules equalling 132 credits (eight specialised modules, eight modules in social sciences, five elective core modules in either pedagogy or management and a work experience module).</p> <p>The bachelor's degree programme aims to provide students with scientific fundamentals / foundations, methodological skills and professional qualifications. In addition, students are taught to reflect on their own conduct from a Christian point of view of humanity.</p> <p>Admission requirements for the dual system bachelor's degree programme include proof of a Higher Education Entrance Qualification according to § 65 of the Higher Education Act (HochSchG) qualifying students to attend a University of Applied Science in Rhineland-Palatinate.</p> <p>Furthermore, applicants must show proof of registration at one of the partner vocational schools providing vocational education and training in various types of nursing, speech therapy/logopedics or physiotherapy. Applicants must show proof of an overall grade of a minimum of GOOD for their first semester at the vocational school.</p>
Summarised Evaluation	<p>After reviewing the submitted accreditation application and conducting an on-site inspection of the University of Applied Sciences, the accreditation experts voted in favour of accreditation.</p> <p>According to the module descriptions, the study programme's modules are detailed in subject and show a logical sequence and a solid structure. It is recommended that the programme be extended to broaden students' skills by including new fields of practice, additional comprehensive themes, health care policy issues, health care structures and process management as explicit study content in the modules. The current programme modules provide students with a specialised knowledge necessary for future nursing work in the fields of prevention, consulting, instruction and independent diagnostics and treatment.</p> <p>The work experience (internships) in the second half of studies add an in-depth understanding of education sciences</p>

	<p>and management to students' foundation of specialised qualifications. According to the design of the programme submitted for review, graduates acquire new fields of knowledge and learn to reflect on them while acquiring theoretical and practical skills.</p> <p>The study content and time frame of the bachelor's degree programme present considerable challenges for Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences. The question of whether students enrolled at the different vocational schools will be able to follow the programme at roughly the same pace must be monitored closely and dealt with flexibly when necessary. The vocational education and training modules provided by the vocational schools must meet higher education standards. This will be ensured through the establishment of joint quality management committees, audits of the vocational schools by Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences and by committing the vocational schools to gradually raising the required level of quality of its academic and administrative staff.</p> <p>Mainz Catholic University of Applied sciences has a proven quality assurance plan that will be extended to include the new study programmes and the Department of Health Sciences and Nursing.</p>
Web Page	www.kfh-mainz.de
Further Information	<u>Additional information</u> regarding this degree programme may be found in the Higher Education Compass of HRK.