

FAQ Nursing

Thinking about studying Nursing in Tübingen and Esslingen? Why not!

If you like working with people, nursing is the right place for you. As a nurse, you will deal with a wide variety of age groups and also a wide variety of life situations. Whether in a children's hospice in elderly care or on a hospital ward - everyday heroes are needed everywhere. Nurses can also be positioned internationally: F. ex. in the initial reception of refugees or in non-governmental health-care organizations around the globe.

Not only will you have a lot of contact with people in need of care, but you will also be in a constant exchange with nursing colleagues. Daily collaboration with doctors, physiotherapists, psychotherapists, speech therapists and social work specialists and other health professionals open various fields of activity for professional nursing and also develops academic nursing and care of nursing recipients.

The large variety of settings in which professional nursing care is needed demonstrates the diversity and broad field of opportunities in this profession.

We often forget how important nursing is in our society. In order to be prepared for coming (unknown) illnesses and for strategies to prevent these, professional nursing care is needed. If you are empathetic, knowledgeable and curious and you care about the well-being of people of any age in need for care, you are welcomed in the nursing profession.

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Why should I study Nursing?

The academic bachelor program in nursing leads to two degrees: the professional license to practice as a state qualified nurse is acquired through a state examination and in addition an academic degree with the Bachelor of Science is awarded. The academic bachelor program Nursing B.Sc. qualifies for a future-orientated profession based on research findings which meet the (highly) complex treatment concepts in nursing care. The academic program qualifies nurses to work closely with patients and residents and to open and broaden fields of research in nursing practice. Nursing is considered an academic profession internationally. This implies that the Department of Nursing Science at the Medical Faculty in Tuebingen and the University of Applied Science in Esslingen hold responsibility for theory and practice placements in the bachelor program nursing. Students conduct their clinical placements in various clinical institutions with which the department has a cooperative agreement with.

How are the clinical placements organized in the nursing program?

As a student of the academic bachelor program Nursing B.Sc., you will have clinical placements in each semester, after the lecture periods (semesters 1 - 7); during the lecture period (semesters 1 - 6) practice experience takes place on one day a week. The university is responsible for the organization and planning of the clinical placements during the study program. You are not required to organize your placements on your own.

During the clinical placements, you will be subject to the usual working hours of the respective health or care facility/institution. By working in shifts, you will have the opportunity to get to know the healthcare and nursing institutions and a wide range of health professional groups in all their facets and tasks; during this time you will become part of the nursing and health care team.

In the 7th semester, you will also learn about the special aspects of working as a nurse on night shifts.

What prerequisites should I have for the program?

To study at the Universities of Tübingen and Esslingen, you need a C1 language certificate. (<https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/study-in-tuebingen/>)

You should enjoy working with people and be able to act in an empathetic and socially competent manner. You should also enjoy working on nursing and health-related topics and be able to think analytically. In addition to the general university entrance qualification or the relevant subject-related university entrance qualification respectively the foreign university entrance qualification which has been recognized as equivalent by the official authority responsible. The course of the academic program also requires interest and flexibility, as you will constantly be introduced to new and challenging situations.

What advantages do two sites offer for me - Tübingen and Esslingen?

Lectures within the program Nursing are held on two sites: at the Esslingen University of Applied Sciences and at the Medical Faculty of the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen. Interprofessional education, with medical and midwifery students are conducted in Tübingen in selected areas. The University of Tübingen is not only a university of excellence, but is also one of the ten best universities in Germany in the university ranking.

Academic nursing program have been offered at Esslingen University of Applied Sciences since 1999. The Hochschule Esslingen was one of the first universities in Germany to support and promote academic nursing degrees such as nursing management and nursing education. Studying at the Hochschule Esslingen allows you to use an extensively equipped library with specialized nursing literature and lectures by well-known nursing experts.

The clinical placements are integrated into the bachelor program and are situated at the University Hospital Tübingen, one of the five best university hospitals in Germany (2017 ranking), as well as in outpatient, inpatient and long-term health care facilities in Tübingen, Esslingen and within the region.

What does my future workplace look like?

Graduates could take responsibility for providing professional clinical nursing care to people of all ages who are in need of care, particularly in:

- Hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- outpatient care.

Master programs qualify to enhance specialist and methodological knowledge with more in-depth scientific knowledge. Graduates with a Master's degree may also go on to do doctoral studies and pursue an ongoing academic career.

Which activities in the professional field of nursing will I be able to take over?

The Graduates are able to take responsibility for providing professional nursing care to support and monitor people of all ages who are in need of care when they have fallen ill and/or had an accident. This means to help them (regain) as much independence as possible in their lives - despite illness or stressful medical therapy. You will work as a nursing care therapist and also counsel people in need of care as well as their relatives.

This means specifically:

- plan, coordinate, carry out, evaluate and document nursing care measures
- support people who require care with their routine needs
- provide information, guidance, training and counsel on a healthy lifestyle
- take over medically prescribed diagnostic and therapeutic measures
- perform life-saving emergency measures in emergencies
- recognize nursing care quality and medical errors
- explore, read and apply research results
- work in an interprofessional team together with medical staff and therapists in the health care system.

The nursing profession enables you to take responsibility when assisting people with health care needs

Where should I plan my place of residence?

You will study in both Tübingen and Esslingen in all semesters. The majority of the theoretical courses will take place at one of the locations in each semester. You will move to the other location on a daily basis. You should therefore start your planning early.

The clinical placements will take place at the University Hospital Tübingen and in nursing facilities in the area and region of Tübingen and Esslingen. We try to ensure that all cooperation partners/facilities are as easy to reach as possible by public transport.