



## Social Work

- Bachelor of Science -

### HEALTH AND GENERATIONS – A NEW FIELD OF STUDIES

Kempten University of Applied Sciences has developed two new degree courses in the field of health and generations training specialists in this area who are in high demand and particularly so in the health region of Allgäu.

As one's age rises, so does the risk of multi-morbidity, i.e. simultaneous appearance and existence of diseases that are either typical of the higher ages or chronic. Geriatric patients, i.e. multi-morbid patients well advanced in years require academically trained health specialists who are able to tackle the highly complex and responsible tasks. For this, the Bachelor's degree course in Geriatric Therapy, Rehabilitation and Nursing is offered, information of which can be found under [www.hs-kempten.de/geriatrie](http://www.hs-kempten.de/geriatrie).

Keeping humans healthy up to their old age is an individual but at the same time social task which not only affects the elder generation. It starts before birth and is immanent throughout people's lifespans. Each phase of life has its special risks, but offers chances and opportunities at the same time. To reduce the risks and take advantage of the chances is not only a task for medicine and health care specialists, but also one of the core areas of social work. Health promotion and illness prevention are cross-sectional tasks of social pedagogy – in the area of health-related social work as well as in such areas which do not have a health-related approach at first glance. Social work reaches humans also outside the support structures of the health industry, even when disease has not stricken (yet). This requires specialists with a background of social pedagogy who at the same time understand health as a cross-sectional task and have according competences. To serve this purpose, Kempten University is offering the Bachelor's degree course Social Work with the focus on health promotion and prevention. Please refer to [www.hs-kempten.de/sozialearbeit](http://www.hs-kempten.de/sozialearbeit) for more information.

The study field of Health and Generations is supported by the Structural and Regionalisation Concept of the Bavarian Ministry of Science.

### FOCUS: HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTION

#### STUDY OBJECTIVES

Being a student on this course you will learn social work in its whole bandwidth and gain qualification for all areas of social work. The focus on health promotion and prevention will particularly sensitise you to understand health as a cross-sectional task of social work and to understand the reciprocal effect between one's social situation and health. You will be prepared to work with people who have health-related limitations or risks. In addition you will be capable of identifying health-related requirements in other areas and react to them with the methods of social work. You will attain qualification for working on and with people in the first place. Social and health issues may also be worked on in a structural, social political and scientific level as well.

#### DURATION AND STRUCTURE OF STUDIES

The study duration is seven semesters in total. In the first three semesters you will tackle the fundamental theories as well as acquire application-oriented skills of social work in its whole range. Semesters four and five will impart practical competences: you will learn and apply a range of action concepts and you will further develop them to deliberate active experiences during your work placement semester. In the two final semesters you will deepen your knowledge and garnish it with practical examples from individual and structural health and generation work in your Bachelor thesis.

#### JOB PROSPECTS AND STATE RECOGNITION

Due to the high demand in specialists with social pedagogical qualification graduates from this course have excellent job prospects. Being state-recognised social pedagogues, you will fulfil the admission and rating criteria for many positions.

After successful graduation Kempten University of Applied Sciences will confer the academic degree **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)**. And in addition all graduates will be entitled to bear the German vocational title "Staatlich anerkannte Sozialpädagogin", or "Staatlich anerkannter Sozialpädagoge" (**State-recognised Social Pedagogue**) according to the Bavarian Act on Social and Childhood Pedagogy.

## OVERVIEW OF STUDY MODULES

### Semesters 1 to 3:

#### **Module Area 1: Social Work Basics**

- History and Theories of Social Work
- Humans in the Course of their Lives
- Social Work Methods
- Organisations and Administration of Social Work
- Values and Standards of Social Work, Ethical Conduct
- Fields of Activity in Social Work

#### **Module Area 2: Humans in their Environment**

- Socio-Ecological Basics
- Empirical Social Research
- Requirements in the Course of Time

#### **Module Area 3: Legal Issues**

- Introduction, Civil and Criminal Law
- Public and Social Welfare Laws
- Social Security Law

#### **Module Area 4: Referential Sciences**

- Science and Society
- Behaviour and Motivation
- Prevention and Pathology

#### **Module Area 5: Practical Methods**

- Physical Education and Movement
- Diet and Hygiene
- Creativity Techniques

### Semesters 4 to 7

#### **Module Area 6: Practical Competences**

- Action Concepts and Quality Assurance
- Communication
- Economic Thinking and Financing of Social Services
- Applied Social Research
- Project Management
- General Scientific Electives

#### **Module Area 7: Work Placement Semester**

- Work Placement
- Complementary Lectures to Work Placement

#### **Module Area 8: Health Issues in the Course of Life**

- Social Biography and Work on the Human Course of Life
- Health-Related Social Work with Children and Youths
- Health-Related Social Work in Age Transition and Old Age

#### **Module Area 9: Areas of Specialisation**

- Specialisation 1: Prevention and Coping
- Specialisation 2: Social Environment and Health

#### **Module Area 10: Bachelor Thesis**

- Bachelor Thesis

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The competence to award the vocational title the German vocational title "Staatlich anerkannte Sozialpädagogin"/"Staatlich anerkannter Sozialpädagoge" (**State-recognised Social Pedagogue**) according to the Bavarian Act on Social and Childhood Pedagogy has been promised by the Bavarian Ministry of Social and Family Affairs and Integration, but final approval is still pending.

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(> INTERNATIONAL > EXCHANGE STUDENTS / INCOMING)

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