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# Medical education in Germany



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# Features of medical education in Germany

Medical education in Germany is considered **one of the most prestigious and popular**. It is offered almost free of charge, not counting semester mandatory fees. Medical education differs from any other educational field in all countries, but in Germany it has a **unique system**. There is no division into bachelor's and master's degrees – there is one curriculum, which, on average, **lasts 13 semesters**. Graduates of medical schools who want to start a scientific career and improve their chances in the labor market can continue their doctoral studies.



However, the word "continue" is rather conditional here, since almost all students start their doctorate while still studying the main medical program. Some even have time to defend their doctoral theses before they pass their final exams.



# Medical training in Germany consists of several stages:

- the Preclinical phase
- First state exam
- The clinical phase
- One year of practice
- Second state exam



**the Preclinical phase.** The initial stage lasts 2 years and provides students with basic medical and natural science knowledge. The main focus is on subjects such as anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, and laboratory practice.

**First state exam.** Completion of the initial stage means that students complete an internship in hospitals, clinics, or emergency services, as well as passing exams. It is at this time that most of the students are eliminated.

**The clinical phase.** The main stage of training as a doctor in Germany lasts 3 years. It includes 21 clinical disciplines and 14 interdisciplinary subjects, such as rehabilitation or epidemiology. The curriculum consists of lectures, workshops, seminars, and internships.

**One year of practice.** The last year for medical students in Germany is held exclusively in hospital walls, and internships are possible both in German and foreign clinics. The practical year is divided into three stages, during which the student consistently tries himself in therapy, surgery and one specialization to choose from.

**Second state exam.** The last stage on the path to obtaining a medical degree is the state exam, which includes all the main areas of medicine. After successful completion, students receive a diploma and a medical license.

### **Obtaining medical specialization in Germany**

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# Tuition fee

**Education is considered free, but** if you take into account **semester fees**, which must be made 2 times a year, then you will still have to spend money on education. These fees go to a travel card that allows you to travel in any transport for free, but only on the land where the University is located. **This fee is 100-300 euros for six months.** In fact, this is beneficial, since more than 100 euros are spent per month on travel alone, so the fees were created to support students



## Is there a competition for admission?

Since many people go to Germany to complete or start their studies, there are **not so many places for admission**. Every year, a strict framework is set for selecting the best and most responsible students who were worthy to study as a doctor at a prestigious University. **Those with average and low grades do not pass the entrance exams.**



## How do the entrance exams work?

**There are no exams per se.** Students are selected only based on their grades that they received at school or at any University. It is very important to have a high score (**at least 4.5**), as it will be a pass to higher education.



# Scholarships

German universities do **not pay scholarships** to students. Numerous non-governmental and even party funds are involved in scholarship payments. The scholarship is awarded, as a rule, **starting from the 3rd year to the most diligent students.**

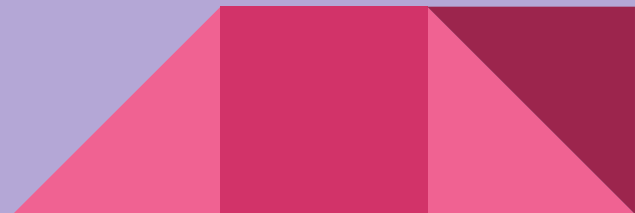
The amount of the scholarship is calculated in such a way that it is enough for life. There are also funds that provide scholarship support to students and postgraduates.

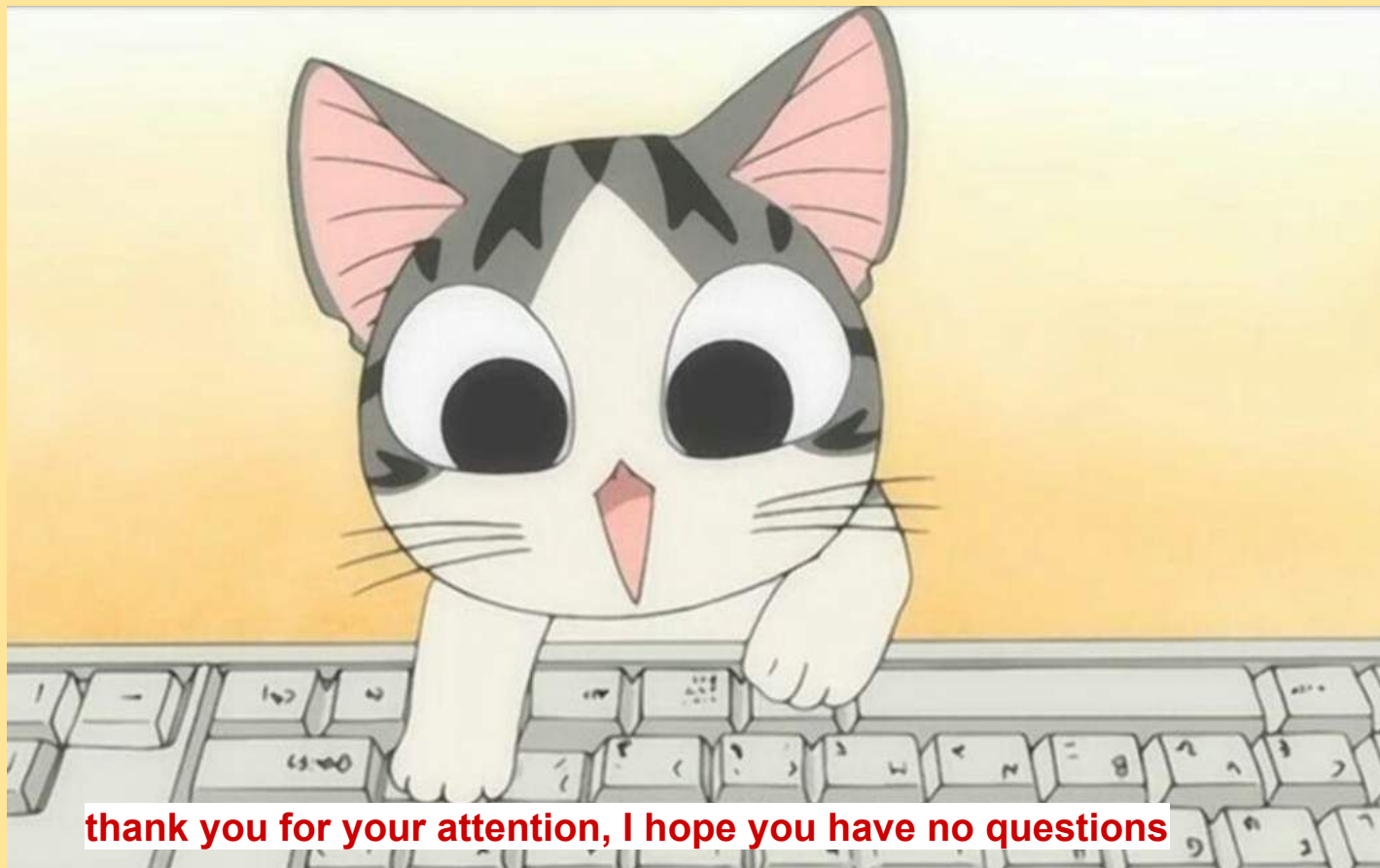




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