

## **Social work – a profession with many opportunities**

The social work department trains social work professionals. We qualify students to professionally support and aid people in coping with their life tasks, and improving their living circumstances. Our graduates are qualified for diverse tasks, so that numerous professional practice fields are open to them: children's services, family services, older people's services, disabled people's services, social work in the health care system and in companies, the early education, cultural and educational sectors, and support for people in precarious life situations, in inclusion, and in resocialisation.

### **Bachelor Social Work**

The professionally qualifying degree programme Bachelor Social Work has been running since 2007. The 'consecutive' master programme with the specialised focus on Children's Services provides an opportunity for students to continue their studies seamlessly. The bachelor programme is entirely modularised: modules are complete pedagogically structured and combinable learning units with described goals (knowledge and competencies), a curriculum applicable to this, and a fixed workload (credit points).

### ***Structured training***

The BA Social Work programme is clearly structured but with built-in options.

In various foundation modules, the basics from the various disciplines relevant to social work are taught. Alongside this, methodical and academic topics are offered, such as evaluation, methodological scholarly work, or reflecting on one's profession.

In the second phase of the programme, a specialisation field is selected. Three specialisation fields are possible:

- A: Social work with children, young people and families
- B: Health, disability, disease
- C. Precarious live situations, resocialisation, inclusion

### ***Generic training and/or specialisation***

On the basis of systematic professional knowledge, the study programme imparts the required professional competencies for all social work's practice fields and for a diverse employment market.

The training is initially not aimed at specific practice fields, but rather generically oriented on knowledge spanning all fields of practice and the corresponding core competencies. In the second study programme phase some specialisation follows, due to the option being taken from the three practice field-related specialisation fields listed above. Regardless of the specialisation chosen, the focus in this part of the degree programme lies with the concepts and methods of social work.

### ***Social Worker/Social Pedagogue B.A. (with state licence)***

The professional title Social Worker/Social Pedagogue is a regulated title in Germany.

The state licence entitles the practitioner to carry out statutory duties, and support people in particular vulnerable situations. Students acquire the state licence parallel to the completion of the BA degree, in particular on account of the 100 practice placement days integrated into the study programme.