



## Information on applying to the second phase of medicine and dentistry programs

### Preliminary comments on the medicine degree program

The model degree program in medicine was introduced at Universität Hamburg in the winter semester 2012/13. Please note that this program is no longer divided into two distinct phases by the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination). However, the terms “second study phase” and “first clinical semester” are still used here for the sake of clarity. If you are a transfer student, you will continue your studies in the model degree program.

For further information on the model degree program in medicine, please see:

[www.uke.de/studium-lehre/modellstudiengang-medizin-imed](http://www.uke.de/studium-lehre/modellstudiengang-medizin-imed)

### For which semester can I apply?

You are only able to apply to the second study phase of the medicine degree after successfully completing the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination) and, if you are studying dentistry, after having passed the *Vorprüfung* (intermediate examination) for dentistry. Applying for the second study phase of the medicine degree is only possible for a summer semester (application period 01.12.-15.01.). The submission deadline for degree and examination results is 15 March. In spring, the results of the written component of the medicine examination are not made available before the start of April. This means that it is not possible to apply for the summer semester immediately following the pre-clinical examination. For many applicants this means it is not possible to apply for the semester immediately following the pre-clinical examination.

Officially, you are only allowed to apply to Universität Hamburg for the first clinical semester. Due to the disparities between medical faculties, it is not possible to apply for a specific higher clinical semester. This also means that you are officially only allowed to apply for the first clinical semester. If you have already completed coursework for the clinical study phase at another university, we will generally recognize your past grades and study periods. Please be aware, however, that program completion is likely to require more time; if you transfer after the first clinical semester, completing your degree within the regular period of study will only be possible in exceptional cases and cannot be guaranteed by the Faculty of Medicine at Universität Hamburg.

Please contact the responsible employees at the office of the vice dean for teaching after enrolling for confirmation of the equivalence of grades: [www.uke.de/studium-lehre/kontakt-beratung/studienberatung](http://www.uke.de/studium-lehre/kontakt-beratung/studienberatung)

**Applications for the clinical rotation (PJ)**

Applications for the clinical rotation (PJ) are also possible for a winter semester. For the start of the PJ in May applications have to be submitted for the summer semester (application period 01.12.-15.01.), for the start of the PJ in November applications have to be submitted for the winter semester (application period 01.06.-15.07.). If you are applying for the PJ, please also enclose proof that you have passed the second phase examination. You are also able to supply this at a later date if you are admitted to the program. The deadline for submission (usually about one week before the start of the PJ) is stated with the admission letter.

**Your application will not be accepted if you have not passed the *Zwischenprüfung* (intermediate examination)!**

Without exception, admission to a higher subject semester in either the medicine or dentistry program is not possible at any time during the **pre-clinical phase**. So-called "lateral entry" (alternate route) is therefore not possible in this study phase.

**How likely is it that I will be admitted to the clinical phase?**

At Universität Hamburg, admission quotas (i.e., university places) have been set for both the *Grundstudium* and the second study phase. The quotas for the second study phase are always lower than those for the *Grundstudium*. Please note, however, that we will first assign places for the *Hauptstudium* to students already enrolled at Universität Hamburg who wish to continue their studies here after passing the according examinations. If the admission quotas for first-year students exceed the number of places available on the *Hauptstudium*, transfer students will only have a very limited chance of being admitted. Admission is only possible if a large number of students drop out during the first four semesters or if the examination failure rate is high and more places consequently become available than there are students at Universität Hamburg who wish to start their second study phase. However, based on our experience over the past years, this is only very rarely the case. Moreover, this information is not available during the application period, which is why we are unable to predict whether your application is likely to be successful. We did not accept applications for any of the previous semesters of the dentistry program. For definitive information on the possibility of applying for a specific semester, please see the [application information](#).

**If there is an admission procedure, how are students selected if there are not enough places?**

If places are available for the second study phase, students are admitted according to a ranking that takes the grade point average for the higher education entrance eligibility and the grade for the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination) into account. The grade for the higher education entrance eligibility is multiplied by a factor of three and the grade for the first phase examination by a factor of seven. The sum of these two values determines the ranking.

**Are first-year students also able to apply via hochschulstart.de?**

**No upgrading at Universität Hamburg!**

Germans and applicants deemed equivalent to Germans<sup>1)</sup> who have successfully completed the first phase examination or *Vorprüfung* (intermediate examination) for dentistry or whose grades from studies abroad have been recognized as equivalent by a German state examination board can, in addition to applying directly to Universität Hamburg, also apply formally as first-year students via hochschulstart.de—provided they are not enrolled at a German higher education institution at the time of applying. If you are awarded a place at Universität Hamburg by applying via hochschulstart.de, you will be enrolled in the first semester and will **not** normally be **upgraded** to a higher semester. If you wish to continue your studies at Universität Hamburg after the pre-clinical examination without a waiting period, you must follow the procedure for applying to the *Hauptstudium*.

<sup>1)</sup> In particular, foreign nationals with German educational qualifications and citizens of EU Member States as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway are deemed equivalent to German applicants.

**Exception: previous studies abroad**

If you previously studied abroad and wish to apply for the second phase of the medicine or dentistry program, you will need to have your previous grades recognized as equivalent to the first phase examination or the *Vorprüfung* (intermediate examination) for dentistry. Responsibility for this recognition differs for the medicine and dentistry programs:

For medicine, the examination board for medical professions in the federal state in which you were born is responsible (in Hamburg: [www.hamburg.de/landespruefungsamt](http://www.hamburg.de/landespruefungsamt)). If you were not born in the Federal Republic of Germany, please submit your application to

Bezirksregierung Düsseldorf

Landesprüfungsamt für Medizin, Psychotherapie und Pharmazie

Postfach 30 08 65, 40408 Düsseldorf, Germany

For dentistry, the examination board in the state in which you have your primary residence is responsible (in Hamburg: [www.hamburg.de/landespruefungsamt](http://www.hamburg.de/landespruefungsamt)). If you reside abroad, please submit your application to:

Thüringer Landesverwaltungsamt

Landesprüfungsamt für akademische Heilberufe

Postfach 22 49; 99403 Weimar, Germany

If you obtained your higher education entrance eligibility abroad, you will also need to provide proof that your higher education entrance eligibility has been recognized and that you are sufficiently proficient in German. Please see [www.uni-hamburg.de/ia](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/ia) and the information sheet on [international applications](#) for details.

As an alternative to applying for the second phase if you previously studied abroad, you are also able to apply as a first-year student initially and then check whether your past grades can be recognized once you have enrolled at Universität Hamburg. The Hamburg state examination board for medical professions is responsible for this. Please note, however, that—as described above—the Faculty of Medicine generally will not upgrade you to a higher semester even if your past academic achievements are recognized. The above information on the recognition of higher education entrance eligibility and German language proficiency also applies if you obtained your higher education entrance eligibility abroad and are applying as a first-year student.

**Swapping places**

Since the likelihood that an application to transfer to Universität Hamburg will be successful is very low and also cannot be foreseen, you should also consider finding a **swap partner** if you are currently enrolled on the according degree program at another German higher education institution. You are able to swap places even before you have started studying. As swaps must not affect enrollment numbers, Universität Hamburg only accepts students who have a similar level of education. Given the program's nature, the options for switching to the new model degree program in medicine are extremely limited. If you have a university place for the regular medicine study period, Universität Hamburg only allows swaps before the start of the first semester or after passing the first phase examination (pre-clinical examination). Please note that both higher education institutions must agree to the swap.

Services for Students (SfS) must receive your application to swap places by 1 October (for the winter semester) or 1 April (for the summer semester) at the latest. Please see our website for further information on switching to Universität Hamburg: [www.uni-hamburg.de/tausch](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/tausch).

**Where can I get help finding a swap partner?**

Please refer to the following **online swap sites**:

[www.studienplatztausch.de](http://www.studienplatztausch.de)

[www.unicum.de/forum/studienorte-und-studienplatztausch/](http://www.unicum.de/forum/studienorte-und-studienplatztausch/)

[www.uni-pur.de/studienplatztausch/](http://www.uni-pur.de/studienplatztausch/)

[www.studenten-wg.de/studienplatztausch](http://www.studenten-wg.de/studienplatztausch)

[www.studis-online.de/Studieren/Studienplatztausch/](http://www.studis-online.de/Studieren/Studienplatztausch/)

[www.studi-info.de/studienplatztausch](http://www.studi-info.de/studienplatztausch)