

Courses for Management and Quality Assurance in Health Care at the Danube University Krems

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The Danube University Krems is the only non-private university in Europe exclusively offering postgraduate courses.

In Austria certain groups of professions, such as physicians, lawyers, or civil engineers, are legally regulated. Basic university programs usually do not provide students with all the qualifications and skills necessary for successfully fulfilling such professions. They provide general training only. Postgraduate courses, however, offer exactly this kind of additional education.

Postgraduate courses are always full-time studies and provide further education. Thus they cannot be compared to first degrees, such as diploma or bachelor's degrees.

Yet, university courses can be based on several different levels, which means that access requirements can range from high school graduation or a bachelor's degree to even a PhD. Other qualifications, such as professional experience, may also make students eligible for attending courses.

University courses which grant an academic degree (MAS, MSc) must be comparable to international standards. Master's degrees are academic degrees for those programs that, in terms of access, requirements, etc., correspond approximately to other, foreign Master's programs. This means for example that an Austrian MSc program must be comparable with an MSc program in the UK. In general, however, all MSc, MAS and MBA programs are on an equal footing.

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