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## Darmstadt Hospital as an Academic Teaching Hospital

## Hospital

Many hospitals support the university medical schools by supervising the future physicians during their clinical placement. Darmstadt Hospital participates in this function as a general hospital, and serves as an Academic Teaching Hospital to the Universities of Frankfurt and Heidelberg-Mannheim.

The one-year clinical placement is organized as follows: students must complete four months in Surgery, four months in Internal Medicine, and four months in an elective area of specialization. The range of specializations at Darmstadt Hospital is broader than at most other Academic Teaching Hospitals, and includes the following fields: ophthalmology, anaesthesiology, gynaecology, otorhinolaryngology, dermatology, neurology, pathology, radiology, and urology.

### What is the student's day like during clinical placement?

Students are integrated in the ward's daily routine: they work under the supervision of certified physicians and consultants. They take patients' medical histories, perform examinations, prescribe a treatment plan and submit all of this to the responsible ward doctor or consultant. The supervising doctor verifies, corrects and completes the student's results. Assisting, and often observing, during operations is also an important source of information for future physicians.

The extremely well-equipped Institutes of Diagnostic Radiology, Medical Laboratory Science, Anaesthesiology and Operative Intensive Care Medicine, and Pathology offer additional opportunities for medical students to acquire broad background knowledge for their daily work in the hospital's various clinics.

In addition to their work in the wards and the operating room, students can attend seminars. These are conducted by the head doctors, all of whom have the highest academic qualification as well as university teaching experience. These seminars take place in small groups, often of just three students, so that each of them receives individual attention and instruction. In sonography for example, the instructor can guide the student's hand in his first attempts to examine internal organs using ultrasound.

The hospital provides separate rooms, with Internet access, where students can work undisturbed. Adjoining the study rooms is a research library, under the direction of a qualified librarian, with numerous current reference works and medical periodicals.

After students have completed their placement, they sit the third and final state examination. The board of examiners is usually composed of professors from Darmstadt Hospital.

Because the directors of the hospital's clinics and institutes also conduct scientific research, they are in a position to supervise doctoral dissertations. As a result, many students in their placement year are at the same time doctoral candidates under professors at the hospital.



SERVICE INDUSTRY

FAMILY BUSINESS

THINK GLOBALLY

HEAD START

QUALITY OF LIFE

SYSTEM SOLUTION

WORLD VISION

FUTURE PERFECT

### KEY FIGURES

FOUNDED  
**1611**

IN DARMSTADT  
 SINCE  
**1611**

TOTAL STAFF  
**2,000**

STAFF IN  
 DARMSTADT  
**2,000**