Living and Learning on Campus

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Hearing brings people together,
 this holds particularly true for the Akademie für Hörgeräte-Akustik (Academy of Hearing-aid Acoustics), first vocational academy to be recognized by the Association Européenne des Audioprothésistes. Since its establishment in 1972 all hearing-aid acousticians – apprentices from all over Germany – have been trained at the Academy in Lübeck. The Academy is an independently operating affiliate of the Federal Guild of Hearing-aid Acousticians, a corporation under public law, located in Mainz.

Cooperation under one roof: Academy and National Vocational School for Hearing-aid Acousticians

• 3,000 participants and visitors per year
• 13,000 apprentices absolve their initial vocational training
• 2,400 absolvents of master craftsman’s training
• 40 employees
• 70 guest lecturers of the academy
• 47 class rooms
• 40 hearing aid fitting studios
• 8 otoplasty labs and workshops
• 1 auditorium
• 3 hearing-devices banks with 1,200 most advanced hearing systems
• 545 dormitory beds
• 600 meals per day
• 7 buildings
• 21,100 m² space
• 4,600 m² school grounds.

The apprentices usually come to Lübeck twice or three times a year for a 4-5 week period to absolve the theoretical part of their vocational training in the National Vocational School or to do the industry-wide training outside the company at the Academy. The National Vocational School and the Academy for Hearing-aid Acoustics share the same buildings. In order to harmonize the vocational training of the school and the external vocational training a specific concept was developed.

This visionary training concept, which combines innovative technical equipment and interdisciplinary methods of work enjoys a worldwide reputation. Therefore more and more young people decide to pick up the attractive profession of hearing-aid acoustician. Visitors from all around the world come to see Lübeck to learn more about the pioneering professional training programs for hearing-aid acousticians.
Following the tasks of the Academy:

- industry-wide training of apprentices
- preparatory classes for the master craftsman certificate
- continued professional training up to the Bachelor study program "Hearing Acoustics"
- research and Development for the Hearing-aid Acoustician trade
- support of hearing-aid acousticians in all basic questions of hearing acoustics and aspects of vocational training and continued educations.

There are only few professions, which require so many different skills: high-tech, manual skills, counseling and audiology – this is what makes the profession of a hearing-aid acoustician so fascinating for young people. In this profession there are about twenty different fields of activity ranging from the individual fitting of hearing systems to technical skills such as otoplasty, production, technical know-how for the customer service and medical knowledge.

In addition to the above skills a sound commercial background is required in order to successfully operate a hearing-aid business as well as distinct communicative competencies when interacting with hearing impaired customers.

**Learning and Living on Campus:** During their professional training, the Academy offers trainees from all over Germany a home away from home. On the Academy campus which is located in Lübeck’s university district, they do not only study but during their training periods at the Academy also live right on campus or in its vicinity in modern guest rooms.

At the moment there are three dormitories on campus with a total of 261 beds, a boarding house in the university district with 139 beds and another 145 beds in three houses at the training park Blankensee, near Lübeck Airport.

Due to the high quota of apprenticeships offered by the profession of Hearing-aid Acousticians the capacity of our boarding schools is sometimes exceeded. In this case we rent additional rooms from private landlords.

Our **dormitory building I** offers two single rooms and six triple rooms with communal showers on the same floor.

**Dormitory building II** offers 32 double and 11 single rooms on four floors. Each room is equipped with shower and toilet.

With 77 modern double and 12 single rooms, each equipped with shower and toilet, **dormitory building III** is the biggest one.
The boarding house has the capacity for 139 apprentices. The 11 single and 64 double rooms are spread over 4 floors. The boarding house is situated about 500 meters from the Academy in the university district. An internet center is on the ground floor and every floor has its own kitchen.

Our dormitory building Blankensee houses a total of 145 beds in single and double rooms. Each floor is equipped with a small kitchen. The apprentices get their breakfast and their weekend luncheons from the local cafeteria. During the week lunch will be served in the cafeteria on our campus.

The room rate includes the provisions of bed sheets and towels. All boarding school dormitories are equipped with coin-operated laundromats. All rooms in dormitories I to III and the boarding house have television and telephone connection.

Our guests can choose between

- full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) or
- half board (breakfast, lunch).

At lunchtime we usually offer a choice of four different menus including soup, main course, salad bar, dessert and mineral water. One of the meals is vegetarian. Coffee is also available. In order to give you the chance to sleep in on Sundays and holidays, we offer a brunch from 10 a.m. until noon on these days.

In the afternoons and in the evenings there is always a contact person available for the apprentices. An emergency service is on campus at nighttime and on the weekends. Should our apprentices have personal problems, our teachers of the National Vocational School always have an open ear and will gladly offer their support, as there is a close cooperation between school and boarding school.

Apart from the free use of our internet café, there are various recreational offers for the students in the evenings. These common activities help to create a sense of community, which is hardly found in other professions. Obligatory for the apprentices is the guided tour through the historic centre of Lübeck.
Our students like to come back. The combination of learning, working and living on a modern 21,100 square meter campus creates an atmosphere, which makes it easy for new students to integrate into the community.

It goes without saying that we focus on training and studying. Study groups or students working on common projects are free to use the classrooms in the afternoon. Apart from the classes of the Vocational School, which usually end around 3 p.m., there are many additional training programs on voluntary basis available:

- Additional training lessons in audiology, otoplasty or soldering. Should you need extra training hours, you can take part in additional afternoon classes for a small extra fee. The training companies often support their apprentices with a financing of these extra hours.
- Before the intermediate exam and the final examination, we offer free afternoon courses with instructions on how to operate the audiometer and measurement systems, so the apprentices have no need to worry because they have to work with a different audiometer and measurement system in the examination than the one they are used to work with in their training companies.
- The Academy also offers First Aid and CPO classes in the afternoon, which are paid for by the responsible Berufsgenossenschaft (professional association).
- The school association of the National Vocational School offers afternoon classes in sign language on a regular basis.
- Should there be a need for extra classes in order to fill gaps particularly in math, additional afternoon classes for the first and second vocational training course will be offered in concertation with the relevant teachers.
- The students of our master class and the Applied Sciences course of study (all of them certified hearing-aid acousticians) offer private lessons – for an extra fee – for those students with serious problems following the classes.
- Apart from the obligatory sport classes, which take place on one afternoon of the week, students have the opportunity to take part in the university sport program of the nearby Lübeck University. For just a small fee at least 20 different sport classes are available. The use of the volleyball court and the table tennis tables on campus is free of charge.

In Lübeck basically everything can be reached by bicycle. Therefore our school club offers a free bike rental for all members of the club. Students of the National Vocational School can subscribe to the club for an annual fee of only €12 and will benefit from lots of other advantages and discounts.
Working and studying where others spend their holidays. Lübeck is one of the most interesting cities in the tourist region Schleswig-Holstein. Lübeck, a friendly and open city with a picturesque historic center of town and its wide recreational offers is an ideal setting not only for hearing-aid acousticians but also for the many students of the University, the University of Applied Sciences as well as the Lübeck Academy of Music. In the summer the Baltic Sea with its seaside resorts is an attractive destination just a stone’s throw away. The "Holsteinische Schweiz" (Holstein Switzerland) with its lakes and sound hills is not far away either.

You can reach us by car, by train or even touch down on the nearby Lübeck Airport – as a hearing-aid acoustician you are bound to come to Lübeck eventually.

If you travel by train, get off at Lübeck’s main station (Hauptbahnhof), then take a bus or a taxi (approx. €10). The train station "Lübeck St. Jürgen" is in the immediate vicinity of the Academy. Coming from Bad Kleinen/Schwerin you should get off one stop before Lübeck’s main station. It is only a six minute walk to the Academy and the National Vocational School. From Kiel there is a direct connection to the above mentioned train station. If you are coming from the south (from Hamburg), you can change trains at Lübeck main station to the Regionalexpress (regional express train) direction Bad Kleinen which will take you to "Lübeck St. Jürgen" in exactly 7 minutes. So make sure to buy a ticket to "Lübeck St. Jürgen" right away (approx. 40 cent surcharge).

Trains stop at "Lübeck St. Jürgen" every hour. With classes ending at noon, you can comfortably get to the the train station by 1 p.m. and in exactly 64 minutes you will reach Hamburg’s main station where you can change to one of the long-distance trains.
1. Arrival – Departure

1.1 For organizational reasons students must arrive between 04:00 and 07:00 p.m. one day before the classes start. Check-in will take place in building A (main building).

Should there be coercive reasons, which make it impossible for you to arrive in the above period, we ask you to give us notice in advance during our office hours (Tel. +49 451-5029120, Monday to Tuesday from 07:15 a.m. to 06:00 p.m. and Friday between 07:15 a.m. to 03:00 p.m.).

We ask for a deposit in the amount of 20 Euro. This amount will be paid back if you leave your room without any damages and in orderly condition.

1.2 Please vacate your room by 07:30 a.m. on the day of departure as our housekeeping will need to prepare the room for the next arrival. You will find further information on the exact proceeding on the day of departure (e.g. where to leave your baggage) on our notice board.

2. Use of rooms

2.1 The head of the boarding school will try to take the preferences stated concerning roommates into consideration. This does not mean that you can insist on a certain roommate. A change of rooms is only allowed with explicit consent of the head of the boarding school.

2.2 Inventory and equipment (e.g. sheets and bed covers) must not be removed from the rooms. It is not allowed to put up posters or any other decorative elements on the walls. Please use the notice panels provided in the rooms.

2.3 Please keep your valuables in the closets and keep these locked up. The Academy refuses any liability for lost/stolen items. In your own interest we therefore recommend to lock the door when you are leaving your room.

2.4 Please leave your rooms in a state, which allows a proper cleaning of the room. We can only clean those surfaces, which are freely accessible. During the cleaning of the rooms, the boarding school floors will be kept locked for security reasons.

2.5 On the entire campus area – this also includes the rooms – the principle of waste separation is adhered to. Please respect this and support our efforts concerning the protection of the environment.

2.6 Please inform our service point about any strange happenings, damages or in case something needs to be repaired. In urgent matters our team of the night service is available from 08:00 p.m. to 06:00 a.m.

2.7 Smoking, cooking as well as the use of "Sandwich makers" or similar devices in the room is prohibited. Repair costs or costs for the removal of extreme soilage will be charged to you. This applies especially to damages caused by smoking or cooking in the rooms.

3. Leisure, Responsibility, consideration, night’s rest

3.1 All boarders have to act in a way so they do not disturb or bother others. The volume of music and television has to be concerted with the other boarders, their wish for quietness in order to study has to be respected. The same goes for the repose hours.

3.2 Repose starts at 10:00 p.m. Minors have to be in the boarding school by 10:00 p.m. Exceptions have to be confirmed by the parents or guardians in writing.

3.3 Boarders may be expelled from the boarding schools for disturbances of the community, of repose, vandalism etc. All boarders are responsible for anything that happens in their rooms.

3.4 The consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly forbidden on the entire Academy campus. Excluded from this rule are specifically organized and authorized events. Authorization can be obtained from the relevant contact person of the head of the boarding school. The leisure rooms of the Academy are available for social events. Please note that repose must be safeguarded and all involved apprentices must appear in their classes the next day fit to work. The Young Persons Act (Jugendschutzgesetz) applies.

3.5 Consumption and traffic of illegal drugs as well as passing on drugs to other apprentices is strictly forbidden on the entire campus ground. In case of contravention, students will be expelled from the boarding school and might face criminal prosecution.
3.6 It is not allowed to bring any kind of weapons on to the Academy campus. In case of offence, students will be expelled from the boarding school and might face criminal prosecution.

3.7 In case the boarding school rules are not respected, the head of the boarding school reserves the right to inform the training company (Ausbildungsbetrieb) and in case of under-age students to inform their parents or guardian.

4. **Security measures**
   
   4.1 Please familiarize yourself with the notices on security measures in case of fire and other emergencies. The fire prevention rules for the Academy and the National Vocational School apply. Please note that the lighting of candles is prohibited.

   4.2 The fire department will punish the use of the fire alarm for no good reason with a considerable fine. The cost for the intervention of the fire brigade amounts to at least 500 Euro, which will be charged to the responsible party.

   4.3 For security reasons people that do not live or work on campus are not allowed to enter the dormitories, unless the head of the boarding school issued a written authorization.

   4.4 The outside doors of the dormitory building must kept locked in the evenings and at night time, to prevent off-campus persons from entering. For security reasons parts of the Academy campus is under video surveillance.

5. **Miscellaneous**
   
   5.1 The apprentices are not allowed to operate any kind of business on the Academy campus.

   5.2 In the event of illness the responsible teacher and the service point respectively the head of the boarding school must be notified.

   5.3 Only use the marked parking spaces with a valid parking permission of the Akademie für Hörgeräte-Akustik and make sure not to block entrances for the fire department or walk ways for pedestrians, otherwise we are forced to tow your car at your expenses.

6. **Recognition of the Boarding School Rules**
   
   With the admission to the dormitories of the Akademie für Hörgeräte-Akustik the Boarding School Rules will be recognized. In case of disrespect of the Boarding School Rules and the instructions of the Head of the Boarding School might lead to an expulsion of the dormitories.

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