

**Guidelines for the Structured Doctoral Programme
pursuant to Section 10(14) of the Doctoral Regulations of the
Doctoral Centre “PRISMA Health – Promoting Research and Innovation
for Sustainable Multidisciplinary Approaches in Health”
at Deggendorf Institute of Technology in cooperation with
Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences**

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The structured doctoral programme serves to ensure the quality of the doctoral process. These Guidelines support the effective and timely completion of the doctoral process. They provide guidance to doctoral candidates and supervisors and supplement the Doctoral Regulations (PromO) by addressing the following points:

1. Supervision agreement (pursuant to Section 9(1) and (2) PromO)

When applying for admission to the PRISMA Health Doctoral Centre, doctoral candidates and their supervisors sign the supervision agreement and draw up a work plan for the completion of the doctorate. This work plan serves as the basis for subsequent feedback meetings during the doctorate process, which should be held at least once per semester. It may be amended during the course of the doctoral process.

2. Participation in the academic publication process

On average, one publication at a conference or the submission of a manuscript to conference proceedings or a scientific journal should be planned for each year.

3. Annual reports as part of the structured qualification programme

Doctoral candidates, together with their supervisor, prepare a brief summary of the steps completed in the doctoral process and attach the work plan, as amended where applicable. Confirmation that the meetings have taken place is submitted to the DIT Graduate School. In addition, each doctoral candidate should present once a year at the Doctoral Centre's research colloquium.

4. Interim report as part of the structured qualification programme

No later than three years into the doctoral process, an interim report on the status of the dissertation shall be presented in the form of an academic presentation at a research colloquium of the Doctoral Centre hosted by one of the participating higher education institutions. The interim report replaces the annual report for the corresponding year pursuant to point 3). All members of the Doctoral Centre are invited to this colloquium. In addition, doctoral candidates submit in advance a written research outline of 5 to 8 pages to the Doctoral Committee, addressing the following aspects:

- State of the art/current state of research
- Research question
- Method
- Data

- Where applicable, initial research results/research contributions
- Work plan for the remaining period of the doctoral phase

5. Participation in the academic qualification programme

In order to initiate the doctoral procedure, and in addition to submitting the dissertation (monograph or publication-based dissertation: framework document and papers in accordance with the Guidelines for Publication-Based Dissertations), doctoral candidates must demonstrate that they have completed the following courses or possess the equivalent competences (subject to review by the Doctoral Committee). The ECTS credits indicated in brackets are the minimum requirements:

1. Good Research Practice and Prevention of Scientific Misconduct (1 ECTS)
2. Ethics and Data Protection (1 ECTS)
3. Research Data Management (1 ECTS)
4. Didactics / Higher Education Teaching (1 ECTS)

An additional 4 ECTS credits must be obtained. The selection of these courses is agreed individually between doctoral candidate and the supervisor and documented in the supervision agreement. Upon admission to the Doctoral Centre, the Doctoral Committee reserves the right to require specific additional qualifications.

6. Teaching

Over the duration of the doctorate, doctoral candidates shall independently design and deliver courses amounting to generally 6 weekly teaching hours per semester (SWS). The teaching activity may take the form of a lecture, an tutorial/practical course or seminar-based teaching conducted over one or more semesters. Courses offered by the Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern (VHB courses) shall not be counted towards this requirement. The supervision of student theses, including Bachelor's and Master's theses, cannot be credited.