



Bern University of Applied Sciences BFH | School of Health Professions

Information for International Offices

Exchange Programmes

Study Programme	Language Level for studies	Language Level for traineeships
<u>BSc in Midwifery</u> <u>MSc in Midwifery</u>	German upper B2/ C1 (+English B2)	German upper B2
<u>BSc in Nursing</u> <u>MSc in Nursing</u> Specialisations: - Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) - Nurse Practitioner (NP) - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) - Research	German upper B2/ C1 (+English B2)	German upper B2
<u>BSc in Nutrition and Dietetics</u> <u>MSc in Nutrition and Dietetics</u>	German C1 (+English B2) German upper B2/ C1 (+English B2)	German C1
<u>BSc in Physiotherapy</u> <u>MSc in Physiotherapy</u> Specialisations: - Musculoskeletal - Neurology - Professional development - Physiotherapy for pain management - Athletics	German upper B2/ C1 (+English B2)	German upper B2
<u>MSc in Food, Nutrition and Health</u>	English B2	

Traineeships are available for BSc and MSc students in the applied Research and Development team at the BFH School of Health Professions. A level of B2 in German and/or English is required. For more information, please contact the [International Office](#).



Further Information

Mobility Grants

Within Europe, student exchanges take place in the context of the EU Programme Erasmus+ in the fields of education, training, youth, and sport. Since the academic year 2014/15, Switzerland has been providing grants for incoming and outgoing students, and staff within the framework of the «Swiss-European Mobility Programme» (SEMP, formerly Erasmus). However, procedures and conditions remain the same.

Grants are issued under the SEMP mobility programme - from 2024/2025 also worldwide. These amount to CHF 1430 or CHF 2500 per semester, depending on the length of the exchange programme and the country of origin of the student's Higher Education Institution for a study semester. For traineeships the grants amount to CHF 440 per month, calculated on the basis of the effective internship days.

Greener Mobility

Students who travel by train or bus for both their outbound and inbound journeys are eligible to receive a one-time supplementary financial support of 100 CHF for each mobility.

Within the framework of SEMP, our exchange programme contains the following possibilities:

- **studies:** a SEMP exchange lasting between 60 days and 12 months.
- **traineeships:** a SEMP exchange lasting between 60 days and 12 months.
- **a combination** of studying and completing a traineeship (minimum duration of stay: 60 days)

Languages

As most of the courses at the university are conducted in German, the student must have strong German skills in order to be eligible to apply. For traineeships, the required German language level may vary and shall therefore be decided on a case-to-case basis. For more detailed information, see the table above.

Living and Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to organize their accommodation during their stay in Switzerland. The International Office can support the student with finding housing in the region of Bern. However, the International Office does not guarantee accommodation for exchange students. Useful links can be found [here](#).

The living costs in Switzerland are high. The monthly expenses including food, accommodation, transport, and entertainment, and varies between CHF 1400 and 2100. Erasmus students also have the possibility to be assigned a buddy.

In Switzerland, the standard work week is 42h. Both regular and incoming students are subject to the rules and regulations of the host institution. BFH recommends the practice organisation to compensate placements financially. However, practice organisations are not obliged to pay out any financial compensation to the students.

Nomination and Application Deadlines

	Fall semester	Spring semester
for studies	15 th March (Nomination)	15 th September (Nomination)
	15 th April (Application)	15 th October (Application)
for placements	Since there is a limited supply of traineeships, please contact our International Office as soon as possible. The placement offerings for incoming students are on a first come, first served basis.	



Short programme at BFH (in English)

- [Cross-cultural Communication and diversity](#)

Learn to apply current theoretical frameworks when analysing cross-cultural case studies. Stimulate your awareness for similarities and differences between different cultural backgrounds. An English level of B1 is required. The Summer School takes place in calendar week 35 or 36.

Further Information can be found on our website:

- [about mobility + Exchanges at School of Health Professions](#)
- [for incoming students](#)
- [for researchers](#)
- [for partner universities](#)

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