### Bachelor's Programmes

- **Social Work** (Aachen, Cologne, Münster, Paderborn)
- **Childhood Education** (Aachen, Cologne, Paderborn)
- **Nursing Science** (Cologne)
- **Midwifery** (Cologne)
- **Special Education** (Münster)
- **Practical Theology** (Paderborn)
- **Dual course of studies in Nursing** (Aachen, Cologne, Münster, Paderborn)

### Master's Programmes

- **Social Work** with the following emphases:
  - Clinical Social Work (Aachen)
  - Education and Social Integration (Aachen)
  - Social Work in international perspective (Cologne)
  - Networks in Social Work (Münster)
  - Health Promotion in Social Work (Paderborn)
- **Networks in Special Education** (Münster)
- **Health Care Management** (Cologne)
- **Teachers in Health Care** (Cologne)

### Continuing Education Master's Programmes

- **Cooperative Management** (Aachen)
- **Addiction Prevention** (Berlin, Cologne, Munich)
- **Marriage, Family and Life Counseling** (Cologne, Freiburg, Hildesheim, Münster)
- **School Administration** (Cologne)
- **Supervision** (Münster)
- **Social Management** (Münster, Paderborn)
- **Theological Education** (Paderborn)
- **Interreligious Dialogue Competency** (Cologne)

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The Catholic University of Applied Sciences of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) focuses on quality education, practical training and applied research while seeking to instil a Christian sense of character and personality in its students. With campuses in Aachen, Cologne, Münster and Paderborn, it is Germany’s largest church-sponsored private university with state certification. It was founded in 1971 by the five Catholic dioceses of North Rhine-Westphalia and is refinanced in large part by the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

**CHRISTIAN CHARACTER**

Our University is a place of reflection shaped by Christian values and character that influences society and a place where the free exchange among students of diverse faiths and worldviews is fostered. Christian ideals shape all aspects of teaching at the Catholic University of Applied Sciences. Our goal is not just to educate our students; we want them to strive toward professional integrity and to help build a better society.

**STUDIES**

The Catholic University of Applied Sciences provides its students with a personal atmosphere with practical purpose. The faculty imparts the students with knowledge, skills, and morals in social services, health science, and theology. The students value the academic focus and that they have a hand in shaping their learning process. Interdisciplinary events afford students the opportunity to acquire critical thinking skills, explore academic positions, and discover new horizons in a self-reflective manner. Students are also able to select an individual concentration to help them develop their own interests.

**RESEARCH**

Through its distinct research focus, the Catholic University of Applied Sciences conducts important research in the fields of social services, health science and practical theology. The purpose is to find answers and convey the results to practitioners. Its research specializes in nursing, substance abuse, substance abuse prevention, health, social psychiatry, gender, transculturalism, ageing, disability, and networks. The faculty is actively involved in research endeavours and academic discourse, which guarantees not only an academically sound education, but also affords students – especially those in Master’s programmes – the opportunity to participate in research projects.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Continuing education is one of the University’s fundamental academic pillars. Professional training programmes ensure that participants acquire the specialized qualifications needed for their professions. In addition to symposiums and conferences, the University also offers continuing education Master’s programmes. Additional options available to students are selected subject-specific continuing education courses offered by experts in those fields and in-house training courses.

**PRACTICAL ORIENTATION**

Established networks with real-world institutions offer students multidimensional practical opportunities. For one, practical experience with topics, tasks, and issues generates momentum that is seized upon in the programmes of study, continuing education, and research. On the other hand, the University itself also generates ideas, questions, clarifications, and solutions for practical challenges. In addition, the practical institutions are places where students and faculty can discover and (continue) developing skills.

**UNIVERSITY CULTURE**

In addition to its academic qualities, the unique university atmosphere is another hallmark of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences. Campus-wide orientation programmes, graduation ceremonies, and seasonal festivals contribute to a sense of belonging and closeness at our University that often extends far beyond the students’ time at the University and their professional careers. The ample cultural, athletic, and spiritual events also create a spirit of home and community.

**INTERNATIONALISATION**

The Catholic University of Applied Sciences highly values academic experiences gathered abroad by our faculty and students. Education abroad programmes through one of our numerous partner universities or tenures abroad during the practical phase of the study programmes are available. These international experiences significantly enrich the lives of many of our students, helping to expand their horizons.

"I really appreciate the individual mentoring at KatHO!"