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The IWK provides vocational education and training for health care, elderly care and social service professions. Our full-time and part-time vocational schools are situated in many sites near Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, Cologne and Magdeburg. Vocational schools (school-based vocational training) (German: Berufsfachschulen) lead to full vocational qualification and combine vocational schooling with practical work experience (1-3 years full-time / 2-5 years part-time for people in employment).

**Geriatric nurse / Carer for the aged / Elderly care nurse**  
(German: Altenpfleger/-in)  
Care of elderly people including counselling, attendance and assistance.

**Physiotherapist**  
(German: Physiotherapeut/-in)  
They carry out physiotherapy treatments in the following areas: prevention, curative medicine, rehabilitation and spas to develop, maintain or restore all somatic and psychological functions, train how to replace functions lost due to irreversible disability.

**Occupational therapist**  
(German: Ergotherapeut/-in)  
They use specific activities to limit the effects of disability and promote independence in all aspects of daily life. Occupational therapists help children or adults whose capabilities are impaired by illness, injury, developmental disorders or ageing. They help people to achieve, regain or maintain independent living and take part in social, professional or leisure activities.

**Disability support worker / Special needs care worker**  
(German: Heilerziehungspfleger/-in)  
They are responsible for providing educational, practical and care support and assistance to people with disabilities. They assist their charges in coping with everyday life by providing residential and visiting support.

**Ambulance paramedical assistant**  
(German: Rettungsassistent/-in / Notfallsanitäter/-in)  
They support doctors in all measures of emergency and disaster medicine, including care and transportation of emergency patients; administering the medicines required during activities; autonomous care of the equipment, materials and medicines of relevance for the profession.

**Nurse**  
(German: Gesundheits- und Krankenpfleger/-in)  
They provide preventive, curative and palliative cares in order to promote, to maintain or to restore health. Nurses assess the state of health and the self-sufficiency of the patient, make a nurse’s diagnosis and provide care and relevant treatment.

**Kindergarten teacher / Nursery teacher**  
(German: Erzieher/-in)  
They look after and support children and young people. They are mainly involved in pre-school education, in children’s and youth work and in residential education.