Health, Medical and Life Sciences

Furtwangen University Campus Furtwangen

International course program Summer term 2026

Health Sciences

Course number	Title	credits
SL: 16902 PL: 26902	Intercultural care concepts for people with dementia	3 ETCS

Dear students,

The aim of this WVP is to consider the care of **people with dementia in a global context**. Based on care and living concepts for people with dementia in Germany and the Dominican Republic, an interdisciplinary exchange is to be created.

As part of a research project funded by the German Academic Exchange Service, the WVP is offered in collaboration with the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCCM) in Santiago and carried out **together with students from the Dominican Republic. Students from other countries are also welcome!** As part of the project, a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) was created that covers the various aspects of caring for people with dementia and its impact on relatives and caregivers. In addition, culture-specific and health system-specific aspects are also addressed. The MOOC (webinar) is designed as an event with synchronous and asynchronous units.

The **working language is English** (special English skills are not required), and most of the asynchronous content is also available in German and Spanish. We meet **once a week (Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) online, with the first meeting on March 25 at 5:30 p.m.** All other content can be worked on asynchronously at home.

Attendance is mandatory for the online meetings! Homework must be completed each week as **proof of performance**. **Please also watch the introductory video in the Felix course.** https://felix.hs-furtwangen.de/url/RepositoryEntry/110854355

This Felix course is for registration purposes only. The seminar content can be found on a separate platform: https://demcaredom.org/learning/

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Elective module: Intercultural care concepts for people with dementia online-course

Identification number	Workload	Credits/LP	Semester of study	Frequency of the offer	Duration
	90 hrs.	3	6-7	According to the demand	1 semester

	Courses	Language	Contact time	Self-study	Planned group size
1	Care of people with dementia in a global context online-course	English	22.5 hrs.	67.5 hrs.	25

2 Learning outcomes/competencies

After successful participation in the module, students will be able to ...

Knowledge (1)
... describe the clinical picture of dementia and typical symptoms.
... understand and reflect the different non-pharmacological therapy and intervention options.

Understanding (2)
... explain the basic country- and culture-specific concepts of health and disease.

Application (3)
... view people with dementia and their individual symptoms holistically.
... plan and implement individual non-pharmacological interventions.

Analysis (4)
... assess different approaches of non-pharmacological interventions.

Synthesis (5)
... independently develop, prepare and present additional literature on the topic.

Rating (6)

... assess individual-related and society-related access routes to the care of people with dementia in context.

3 Contents

- Consideration of country- and culture-specific concepts of health and disease.
- Health systems from the German and Dominican perspective
- Health Literacy in the Context of Dementia
- Epidemiological data on dementia from Europe and Latin America.
- typical symptoms and types of dementia
- non-pharmacological interventions

	- Basis of activation interventions - Movement Interventions - Sensory interventions - Cognitive interventions - Validation Therapy - Reminiscence Therapy - Environmental Interventions - Music Therapy - Speech/Language Therapy - typical burdens of family caregivers as well as professional caregivers and relief options. - Possible uses of assistive health technologies - Ethical considerations - Participatory research methods with people with dementia.
4	**Teaching forms** Seminar (S) online and blended learning
5	**Participation requirements** The basic studies must be successfully completed. Attendance is compulsory during the online sessions.
6	**Forms of examination** Course work: Regular participation in online meetings and preparation of assignments (1 sbR, 1 LP) Examination achievements: Regular active participation in online meetings as well as the preparation of the assignments, these will be graded (1 sbA, 2LP). Acquisition of the literature specified in the individual courses. Further course work will be communicated by the respective lecturer in the respective course, at the latest, however, in the first session.
7	**Use of the module** Elective module in the bachelor's degree program in Applied Health Science. Elective module in the master's program in Applied Health Promotion. Elective module in other degree programs. The creditability depends on the requirements of the respective examination regulations.
8	**Module coordinator and full-time lecturer** Responsible for the module: Prof. Dr. Peter König, Ulrike Lindwedel M.Sc.
9	**Literature** Will be announced on the learning platform