



Kompetenzzentrum für Hochschuldidaktik in Medizin Baden-Württemberg

Scientific Writing (Beginners)

Kurs Nr. 9

General Information

Target group:	Students of medicine, dentistry, molecular medicine and medicine-related courses of study
Pre-requisites:	none
Facilitator:	Christine Baatz, M.A.
Max. no. of participants:	8
Schedule:	2 days: 9:00-17:00
ECTS:	2
Requirements:	Advance task, active participation.

Contents / Aims and Objectives

Accurate, understandable writing is one of the most important academic skills. Writing is a learned skill that takes persistence, training and confidence. In this course, we will start by discussing frequent problems and the typical phases in the writing process. We will then analyze the following questions and practice in detail: How to define a topic and write an abstract, how to use mindmapping and clustering in order to structure your ideas as well as the so-called IMRAD format of scientific papers. Questions of language and style will be discussed in detail, using examples both from published (or rejected) papers and from examples provided by course participants. We will look at rules and tools for bibliographic references, and, finally, at the effective use of your word-processing programme when preparing longer texts, e. g. doctoral dissertations or book manuscripts.

Methods

Short presentations, practical exercises, individual feedback and discussion.