

## University Profile Lutheran University of Applied Sciences (EVHN)

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Lutheran University of Applied Sciences.

### 1. Who are we and what do we do?

The Lutheran University of Applied Sciences (EVHN) is the state-accredited university of applied sciences funded by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (ELKB).

The EVHN is rooted in the heart of the Franconian Nuremberg Metropolitan Region and is networked regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Our community enables us to create a rich learning environment with personal interaction between faculty and students.

We offer undergraduate and graduate programs based on strong academic foundations that are practically oriented in social work, health, child development and education, management, religious education, and Christian social work.

Our students choose to learn in an atmosphere of academic freedom that allows them to become creative and dialogue-oriented professionals qualified to work on current issues. The EVHN is a place where people are seen, where they can experience recognition, and can engage.

### 2. What do we offer?

#### Quality education and research

We provide academic instruction in an encouraging atmosphere and in constructive dialogue. The student experience is characterized by active engagement in independent, proactive, social, and sustainable learning.

This is our contribution to education for sustainable development. We support critical thinking and reflection, approaching and addressing dilemmas, and developing new ideas and creative skills.

We provide research that is closely linked to practical problems, development, and transfer that flows

back into the classroom. Collaboration with project partners in science, practice, society, and the Church enable innovative interdisciplinary programs that address current social developments.

### **The Protestant perspective**

The EVHN is a place where people can be themselves, how they are and want to be. Where people are more than what they make of themselves and what is made of them. Where discussions can address controversy and argumentation is respectful.

We encourage interdisciplinary exchange to enable a comprehensive understanding of the world and life. This encompasses and allows the integration of theological thought in the contexts of other disciplines.

It is Protestant to keep horizons open for spiritual perspectives and to cultivate a spiritual culture.

### **Open and inclusive**

The EVHN is a place where cultures and religions meet, discourse is open and self-reflection is critical. That is why we encourage exploring personal values, questioning meaning, and personal perspectives on life; this is our contribution to addressing social transformation.

We cultivate open and respectful dialogue that promotes the exchange of knowledge and opinions.

We are a scholarly and caring community of students, instructors, researchers, and staff working to create a positive and inspiring learning environment.

### **Ethical orientation**

The great challenges of the present can only be addressed through thinking and acting regionally and globally. Social justice, environmental protection, sustainability, internationalisation, and ethically sensitive digitality are among the EVHN's core interests.

That is why scholarly reflection and professional standards need an ethical-anthropological orientation.

### 3. How does all of this look in practice at the EVHN?

The EVHN is a certified family-friendly university with a broad range of bachelor's and master's degree programs. Our programs and research are application-oriented based a strong academic foundation.

To extend our students' interdisciplinary horizons, we have established the *Studium Generale* with two components: Education for Sustainable Development and Free Electives. The Free Electives component is designed to enable students to actively shape their qualification, creating a personalized curriculum.

Multiple research institutes including competence centres are established at the EVHN. Also established alongside our institutes is the ELKB's specialist department for Ethics and Anthropology in Healthcare.

The Institute for Continuing Education, Innovation and Transfer (*Institut für Fort- und Weiterbildung, Innovation und Transfer - IFIT*) offers program formats designed for professionals that provide skills and knowledge to meet new challenges in the workplace. For questions around digitalisation, e-FIT is our address for e-learning. e-FIT supports ELKB institutions and their *Diakonie*.

The International Office, the Career Service, Student Advising and other advising and service units focused on student and academic affairs round out the EVHN's offerings.

The EVHN's approach to education, research, and our work opens diverse spaces where people can develop independently to find practice-oriented, sustainable solutions for the problems of a challenging time.

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That is how to shape the future.

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