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Medical sciences, doctoral studies, traineeship 2023



Medical University of Vienna, Austria

In which institution did the traineeship take place?

N: Medical University of Vienna, AKH Hospital, Department of Neurology



Did the traineeship take place as part of the obligatory traineeship during studies, additionally in order to gain experience, or was it a graduate traineeship in which part of the obligatory post-study internship was carried out?

N: The graduate traineeship, took place in addition, as part of the Doctoral School. It was not carried out as part of the compulsory postgraduate traineeship (I carried it out after my traineeship, before starting my residency).

If this was part of a compulsory traineeship, what was the procedure for recognition by the Ministry?

N: N/A



The language level that you need to have to cope with everyday tasks, contact with the patient, etc.?



N: I spoke English at B2/C1 level. However, I would recommend speaking German - it makes contact with patients and staff much easier. I carried out my traineeship as an observer, whereas clinical placements would have been much easier with knowledge of German.

General impressions about the Host Institution, the organization of traineeships, what was the issue of food, did the facility have a canteen?



N: Very good organisation of the traineeship, great help from the Erasmus Office of the local University. The downside is the large amount of paperwork when doing an traineeship in the department (the need to complete vaccinations against hepatitis A and B and the determination of antibodies against VZV, MMR, due to discrepancies with the Polish vaccination calendar).

You receive a student card, which entitles you to many discounts (including at museums). Each trainee has his or her own supervisor. Mine was Professor Friedrich Zimprich. The professor drew up my traineeship programme, showed me around the hospital and introduced me to the staff. I had constant contact with him during my traineeship and he helped in every situation. The hospital has a canteen, after topping up the electronic card (ID card) it was possible to buy one of the 3 meals from the menu every day for ~ 5.00 €.

Important information, contacts that will help in the implementation of mobility?

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Ms Monika Noe, Erasmus office:
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Attractions in the area worth seeing?

*N: Schönbrunn Palace, Belvedere, City Hall, Prater, Stephansplatz, Hundertwasserhaus.
I particularly recommend the winter season - the beautiful Christmas Markets.*



Advantages of going on an traineeship under the Erasmus+ Program?

N: A large dose of knowledge imparted by specialists, the opportunity to observe the work of doctors in a foreign centre, getting to know the local culture, a very attractive city in terms of tourism. I highly recommend it because of the great organisation and the very nice and cooperative staff of the Hospital! 😊



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