



GERMANY

Osteopathy

The national health ministry of Germany has stated that the regulation of the osteopathic profession is presently adequate through the existing medical societies for physicians and the Heilpraktiker organisations for osteopaths practising under this law. Physiotherapists, being trained as osteopaths, can only give osteopathic treatments under the scope of practice of their profession.

Despite this, osteopathy is a popular healthcare choice and treatment is increasingly being covered by most of the private and statutory health insurance companies.

Training in osteopathy is provided in full- and part-time university courses as well as full- and part-time courses run by private institutions. The duration and content of the education may differ from school to school, as there is currently no common curriculum recognised as the national standard. European common guidelines are being developed by the leading national associations for Osteopathy in Europe. Eventually these would serve as the future national standard.

The leading professional organisations and associations in Germany require a minimum of 1350 training hours for part-time education programs for physiotherapists. Currently two full-time universities of applied sciences in osteopathy exist, leading to BSc. and MSc degrees.

Statutes/Regulations:

There are presently no statutes or regulations defining the scope of practise of osteopathy in Germany. Regulations are currently being developed.

Schools of Osteopathy

A.i.O.

ABSO, Ausbildung für Blinde und Sehbehinderte in der Osteopathie

Akademie Dampsoft - Osteopathieschule GbR

AON Akademie für Osteopathie und Naturheilverfahren

AVT-College für Osteopathische Medizin: <http://www.avt-osteopathie.de/>

COE Europäisches Colleg für Osteopathie

College Sutherland

DAOM Deutsche Akademie für Osteopathische Medizin

DFO Deutsches Fortbildungsinstitut für Osteopathie

DOK Deutsches Osteopathie Kolleg

GCOM German College of Osteopathic Medicine

I.A.O. The International Academy of Osteopathy: <http://www.osteopathie.eu/de>

IFAO Institut für Angewandte Osteopathie

IFPO Institut für praktische Osteopathie

LCOM Littlejohn College für Osteopathische Medizin

OAM Osteopathie Akademie München

OSD Osteopathie Schule Deutschland

Osteopathie-Institut

Salutaris Gesundheit & Fortbildung

SFO -Schule für Osteopathie GmbH

SKOM

STILL ACADEMY Osteopathie GmbH

VDNO Vereinigung Deutsch-Niederländischer Osteopathen e.V.



Universities of applied science in Osteopathy

Dresden International University
Hochschule Fresenius
SHB Steinbeis-Hochschule-Berlin

Organisations/Associations:

Akademie für Osteopathie (AFO): conducts scientific research in osteopathy, supervision of thesis projects

Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Osteopathie (BAO): working group of osteopathic schools and associations
defining common standards in training

Bundesverband Osteopathie (BVO): <http://www.bv-osteopathie.de/>

Deutscher Verband für osteopathische Medizin (DVOM)

Verband der Osteopathen Deutschland (VOD): <http://www.osteopathie.de/>

Leading professional organizations work together in setting standards in education and advocate on a national level for a law regulating the profession independently, with primary access and with full practice rights