

# Certificate and attestation of the Graduate Center at Fachhochschule Dortmund – University of Applied Sciences and Arts

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The Graduate Center of Fachhochschule Dortmund offers doctoral students additional learning opportunities and supports a structured approach for the doctoral process. Among other things, the **modularized offer of workshops**, which is divided into four different areas of competencies, serves this purpose:

1. Central module: Management skills
2. Central module: Methodological skills
3. Central module: Communication skills
4. Central module: Professional skills (including conference participation, publications)

In order to receive a certificate, attendance of eight workshops is required during the doctoral period. At least one event from each central module should be attended. Which module a workshop is assigned to can be found in the respective announcement in the Ilias portal. Additionally, participation in a regular colloquium and participation in the following courses is obligatory: Basics Doctorate, Advanced Doctorate, Thesis Defense Training and Good Scientific Practice.

The **certificate confirming the successful participation** in the continuing education program will be issued by the rectorate of Fachhochschule Dortmund upon application and successful graduation. It lists all career-qualifying benefits of the program. Certificates can be issued by the coordinator of the Graduate Center for the courses that were already attended even before completing the doctorate while completing the workshops.

The participation of the doctoral students in the workshop program is documented through signing the attendance lists available on the day of the event.

Externally performed programs and courses are recognized if there is no significant difference between the acquired competencies and the services that are being replaced. The director of the Graduate Center decides on the recognition of external achievements for each individual case. Informal applications and supporting documents should be sent by e-mail to: [promotionskolleg@fh-dortmund.de](mailto:promotionskolleg@fh-dortmund.de).