

Contact for the application procedure:

If you are interested in applying for the bbw **Aufbau** programme, please contact Saranja Kennedy by 10th February 2019:

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Description

bbw University of Applied Science's **Aufbau programme** is a skilled-worker integration programme created for refugees from Syria, Iran, Iraq or Eritrea holding a bachelor's degree from their home country.

At the conclusion of the eight-month programme held at the bbw campus in Berlin-Charlottenburg, participants will have acquired a solid understanding of:

- the German language
- Germanic work and insurance practices, CV preparation and job application procedures
- Workplace communication for qualified workers and academic applicants

In the final week of the programme, students are personally matched with HR representatives from Brandenburg firms seeking skilled employees with academic backgrounds.

Funding

The **Aufbau programme** is funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research as part of the DAAD's Integration Programme. It is therefore a free programme for refugees living in the Berlin-Brandenburg area who meet specific criteria and who are able to take part for the full duration of the programme.

Participation Criteria

The **Aufbau programme** is open to a strictly limited number of nationals from Syria, Iran, Iraq or Eritrea. To apply for the programme, applicants will need to submit scanned copies of the following documents:

- University graduation certificate (originals & German or English translation)
- Final university grade sheet (originals & German or English translation)
- A copy of the German-issued "Aufenthaltserlaubnis Flucht" valid until at least 31.12.2019. Holders of the "Aufenthaltsgestattung" may also be considered in specific circumstances.

Selected applicants will be asked to attend a brief interview in English. Only seven candidates will be selected into the programme. If selected, participants will be asked to sign a written declaration confirming that they will be able to take part in the programme for its full duration.

Programme *Content* and *Goal*



1. 4th March to 21st May*

Integration course:

Basic Communication in German
CEF-A1 - A2.2 (300 units @ 25 units per week)

2. 24th May to 21st June*

Orientation course:

German society and politics
CEF-A2.2 to A2.3 (100 units @ 25 units per week)

3. 8th July to 25th October*

Integration course:

Business Communication in German
CEF-B1 to B2 (400 units @ 25 units per week)

* Dates may vary

In the final week of the programme, the participants take part in a series of intensive workshops designed to integrate them into the German workforce.

Day One:

Intercultural Training

Communication & Working culture in Germany

Day Two:

Intercultural Training

Rules and Regulations in Germany

Day Three:

Preparation Workshop

German CV & Interview training

Day Four:

Interviews at participating Brandenburg firms

The ultimate goal of the **Aufbau programme** is to take

students with existing degrees directly into the workforce on the final day of training via the one-on-one interviews. Where this is not possible, participants will complete the course with the skills to apply for and attend interviews of their own accord.

