



Overview: Contents of the Postgraduate Program for the  
**“Qualified Specialist in Prosthetics with further Education of the German Society for Prosthetic Dentistry and Biomaterials (DGPro)”**  
 and/or Doctoral Thesis at the Dental School of the University of Tuebingen

The program comprises of 3 mandatory (1. to 3.) and one voluntary module(s)

**1. Theory:**

- a. German language course (*self-organized, confirming at least level C1 of the Goethe Institute Certificate*)
- b. Continuous self-education (*recommended text books, journals, teachnet → provided by library of University and Dental School*)
- c. Attendance of main/ special lectures during our students` semester
- d. Continuous seminars on prosthodontic topics with tutors
- e. Attendance of the annual meeting of the German Society for Prosthetic Dentistry and Biomaterials (DGPro) (*→ various cities in Germany*)

**2. Practice:**

- a. Shadow program of clinical procedures of staff members (*fixed/removable partial Prosthodontics without/with implants*)
- b. Training of various preparation designs in different preclinic settings (*start/duration according individual skills of the program participant*)
- c. Continuous case presentations and discussions with senior staff members/ tutors
- d. Patient treatment (*begin/kind of treatment depending on the German speaking ability as well as the dental skills and knowledge of the participant*)

**3. Science:**

- a. Own research based on clinical, laboratory, or literature studies.
- b. Two peer-reviewed publications as a first or senior author.
- c. Possibility of completing German doctoral thesis -> see 4. (*possible themes preferably in the field of dental material science and secondly of clinical investigations; 1 of the 2 needed publications for the Qualified Specialist in Prosthetics with Further Education of DGPro*)

**4. Doctoral Thesis:**

- a. The doctoral thesis consists of scientific work, which is most likely pursued in our scientific laboratory under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Dipl. Ing. Geis-Gerstorfer (Head of Section for Medical Materials Science and Technology). Prerequisite to this thesis are four verbal examinations in the four major disciplines of the German Dental Education Program (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Operative Dentistry, Orthodontics, Prosthodontics)

Completing the Specialist Program according the guidelines of the DGPro as well as the doctoral thesis, both require the constant and lasting efforts of the participant of the program. The doctoral thesis can be written in English. For achievement of the Specialist of Prosthodontics or the Doctoral thesis an oral examination in German language is mandatory. According to our experience to achieve these goals at least a 4 years stay in our department is necessary.