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BBS Cuxhaven – competent, innovative, human

College of Vocational Education

The College of Vocational Education in Cuxhaven - BBS Cuxhaven – was established in 1903 and has expanded considerably in the last 110 years. At present 150 teachers, both full- and part-time are employed by the school and are involved in educating the 2400 students.

Over the years, the BBS Cuxhaven has become an important center of competence for the region. It not only offers a variety of courses and degrees for full time students but in cooperation with local companies and businesses in a “dual

system” provides support for apprentices studying for the theoretical part of their journeyman’s exam. The school offers educational support in three major departments – Business and Administration, Social- and Nutritional Studies and Industrial Studies. At present the school supports over 40 different professions, as well as offering college-prep courses and classes for improving a student’s chances in the job-market.

The “BBS Cuxhaven” as a regional center of competence

The BBS Cuxhaven took part in a long termed experiment offered by the Ministry of Education of Lower Saxony called “ProReKo”. From the additional support received, the School was able to develop itself into a regional professional center of qualification. It provides a coordination center between the secondary schools, the municipality and the economy.

The responsibilities are as follows:

- help student find adequate employment
- strengthen the cooperation between regional schools and companies and/or businesses which employ apprentices
- support secondary schools by helping their students become more qualified for the job market
- offer advanced training for secondary school teachers to enable them to better support their students in terms of job qualification
- develop new concepts to promote job qualification for secondary school students.



Friends’ association of the BBS Cuxhaven

The Friends’ association of the BBS Cuxhaven provides financial support for underprivileged students, thus enabling them to participate in activities, which they and their families may otherwise not be able to afford.



Partnerships and international contacts

Rügen

In 1990 the active partnership between the BBS Rügen (an island in the Baltic Sea, previously part of East Germany) was brought into existence. Every spring and autumn an exchange program is offered for a variety of professional fields.

South Africa

In 2005 two apprentices learning the catering trade were able to attend courses at the Vocational College of Port Elizabeth for two weeks. Since the Eastern Cape is a partner region with the state of Lower Saxony in Germany, such exchange programs are supported and encouraged not only for students, but for the teaching staff as well. Together with assistance from the teachers of the BBS Cuxhaven, the College of Port Elizabeth was able to help develop new methods of didactic for lessons in the field of catering and service. Due to this initiative, an interest was sparked in other colleges in the area. With the Ikhala College in Aliwal North an annual exchange program was initiated with the students and faculty.

USA

Since 2006 the BBS has had an active exchange program with the Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vermont. In 2013 the local High School in Randolph as well as the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vermont participated in exchanges with the BBS Cuxhaven. The Culinary Institute trains apprentices in the fields of catering and service as well as baking. These exchanges enable students to experience a foreign culture as well as developing a greater technical insight within their field.

Malaga

Each year a two-week language trip to Malaga, Spain is privately organized. All students attending the secondary school as well as other students showing an interest for the Spanish language and culture are welcome to participate.

Erasmus+ / Seville

The Program Erasmus Plus/ Leonardo da Vinci project for mobility "European competence for educators – Andalusia" has established itself in the BBS Cuxhaven. Annually, since 2006, kindergarten educators fly to Seville in Andalusia and partake on an 8-week work placement in Spanish kindergartens and nursery schools. The students prepare themselves for their endeavor by participating in language courses offered by the BBS Cuxhaven and at a language school in Seville.

Erasmus+ / Leonardo da Vinci – Cooperation with Galicia

Since 2013 Spanish apprentices learning trades in field of hotel and catering, baking, car mechanics and dentistry come to Cuxhaven and work within their field of specification in local companies and businesses. As the practical training in Spain is conducted by the colleges themselves, the apprentices receive their on-the-job training through their work placements. Hence many apprentices take advantage of the possibility of doing their 5-week or 10-week work placement abroad in compliance with this program.

Erasmus+ / San Sebastian

Through the exchange program with the secondary school IES USANDIZAGA PENAFLORENDA, German students are able to attend Spanish schools while living with host families. In return, Spanish students may attend the BBS Cuxhaven while living with local families. Following a lengthy pause, the program was reactivated in 2010 with a project about renewable energies.



Diplomas and programs

German Secondary School Diploma (university entrance degree) with emphasis on

- Business and Administration
- Technology
- Nutrition
- Healthcare
- Social Pedagogy and Psychology

Germany High School Diploma (allows limited college entrance) with emphasis on

- Business and Administration
- Technology
- Design
- Social Pedagogy

One-Year Vocational Programs

These programs allow practical as well as theoretical training. Some degrees qualify the student for a shorter apprenticeship.

- Clerical Assistant
- Technology
 - Electronics
 - Car Mechanic
 - Metal Working
 - Multi-Media
- Domestic Economics
- Hotel and Catering
- Personal Care and Healthcare

Two-Year Vocational Programs (state certified degree)

- Technical Assistant in Computer Science
- Technical Assistant in Child Care

Four-Year Vocational Programs (associates degree with limited college entrance)

- Child Care Worker
- Therapeutic Pedagogy

Vocational Education in the Dual System

The BBS Cuxhaven offers part-time vocational education to apprentices within their dual training. The BBS teaches the apprentices one to two days a week or in six blocks of six weeks each during their three-year apprenticeship. In some cases the duration can also be only two years.

The curriculum of part-time vocational schools like the BBS Cuxhaven includes general sub-

jects (one third) as well as vocational subjects (two thirds). The apprentices acquire vocational competence comprising specialized skills, communicational skills, methodical skills as well as social skills that are required for the profession they have chosen.

The theoretical exams are carried out at the BBS Cuxhaven, in some professions even the practical exams.

The following fields belong to our part-time vocational education:

Business and Administration

- Bank Clerk
- Office Clerk/Office Administration Assistant
- Wholesale and Foreign Trade Clerk/Wholesale and Export Assistant
- Industrial Clerk
- Information Technology Clerk
- Administrative Assistant in Public Service/Local Administration

Materials' Handling/Metal and Automobile Technology

- Systems Engineering Mechanic
- Industrial Mechanic
- Construction Mechanic
- Precision Engineering Mechanic
- Cutting Machine Operator
- Car Mechatronic
- Systems Engineering Mechanic for Sanitary Engineering, Heating Engineering and Air-Conditioning Technology

Electrical Technology

- Energy Electronics Technician
- Systems Electronics Technician
- Electrical Machine Building Technician

Media Technology

- Multi-Media Technician (Print)
- Digital and Print Media Designer

Color Technology and Interior Decoration

- Craftsman Painter and Varnisher

Health Care

- Health Care Assistant
- Dental Assistant

Personal Hygiene

- Hair Stylist

Nutrition and Domestic Economics

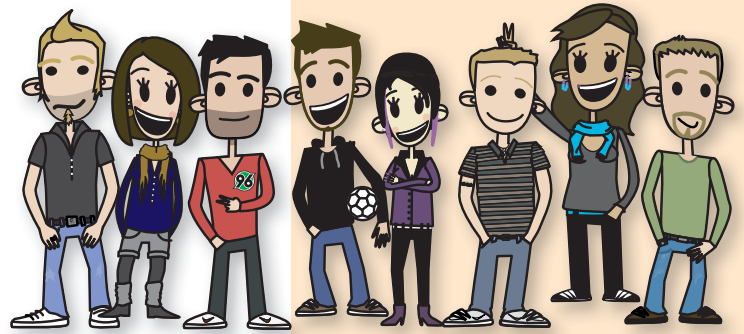
- Chef
- Hotel Specialist/Receptionist
- Waiter/Waitress
- Baker
- Baker's Sales Assistant

Job Fair – "Flagge Zeigen"

Every autumn about 70 regional companies and businesses participate in a two-day Job Fair in the BBS Cuxhaven. This Job Fair enables the students of the local schools to obtain insight as to which jobs are available in the immediate area. Direct contact between future employer and employee is also made possible through the Job Fair.

Our guiding aid for choosing the right career

What can I do with my qualification achieved so far?
What options do I have at the BBS Cuxhaven and after successful graduation?



Qualification when entering the BBS Cuxhaven	Options offered at the BBS Cuxhaven	Further options after successful graduation
Without Secondary Modern School Qualification	Vocational preparation year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-to-work class • Vocational training • Occupation without vocational training
	School-to-work class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time vocational school • Vocational Training • Occupation without vocational training
With Secondary School Certificate/ High School Diploma	School-to-work class with a grade point average in German, English, Mathematics at 3.5 or above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time vocational school • Vocational training • Occupation without vocational training
	1-year full-time vocational school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational school second year • Vocational training -possible recognition as the first year of apprenticeship • Occupation without vocational training
With Secondary School Certificate/ High School Diploma	1-year full-time vocational school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher secondary vocational school 11th form/grade • Vocational training -possible recognition as the first year of apprenticeship
	Higher secondary vocational school 11th form/grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher secondary vocational school 12th form/grade (after successful graduation: college, vocational training, occupation)
	Qualifying vocational school for a profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher secondary school 12th form/grade • School of social pedagogy • Occupation
With Advanced Secondary School Certificate/ Advanced High School Diploma	Grammar school /Academic high school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University • Technical college • Vocational training
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical college
With completed vocational training	Higher secondary school 12th form/grade	



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