

## EXPERIENCE REPORT - 10 Weeks Erasmus in Bielefeld, Germany

With the help of the Erasmus EU program, I spent 10 weeks in Bielefeld, at Bethel Hospital, as part of my practical year. The practical year is the final year of medical studies. I have been studying medicine at Semmelweis University in Budapest for almost 4 years now. Before that, I completed two years of pre-clinical training in Szeged.

Bielefeld is a large city in Germany, in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, with around 338.000 inhabitants. Part of my German family comes from the city, so it was important for me to see the culture and customs in person. Bielefeld itself impresses with the Teutoburger Forest, the Sparrenburg Castle and a beautiful city center. The city is also home to production companies such as Dr. Oetker, a food company that I grew up with. There are beautiful cities such as Münster, Hanover and Cologne in the surrounding area. These are great places to visit at the weekend.



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In photo A you can see the Teutoburger Forest

On photo B you can see a part of the Sparrenburg

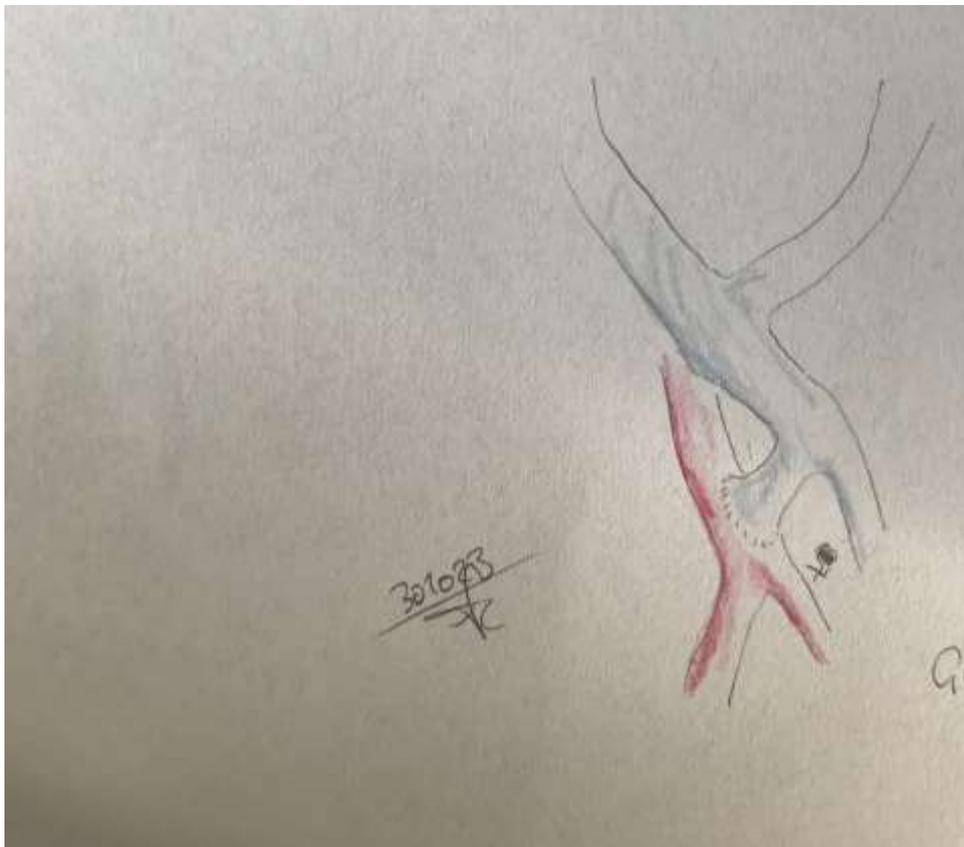
There has also been a medical faculty in Bielfeld for about three years, so Bethel Hospital was a great teaching hospital where a lot of emphasis was placed on the further training of interns. I did my 5-week pediatrics and 5-week surgery rotation there. I started my time in pediatrics, where I spent 3 weeks in the pediatric Infectiology department and 3 weeks in the emergency department. In this photo you can see the children's hospital.

I experienced very interesting cases and was allowed to admit patients myself, write letters and take over the handover. For lunch I ate in the canteen, which served a variety of wholesome meals, including vegetarian options. During my



time in surgery, I spent three weeks in general surgery, one week in vascular surgery and one week in Traumatology.

This time surprised me very positively. I never thought I would have so much fun in surgery. In this photo, a senior physician from the vascular surgery department explained the fistula operation to me using a drawing.



The team in general surgery was particularly nice and I got to know other interns over time and we also spent time together outside the internships. The wine festival is very typical in Bielefeld, which I attended with other interns.

I also took part in various night shifts. They were very exciting and I was able to learn a lot.

I would like to thank the Erasmus team for their help and patience with my application and the program for giving me the opportunity to do this.