The Careum Campus is a unique place, where students, trainees and teachers involved in vocational training and higher education as well as patients and relatives can meet and network. It offers a forum for discussing trends in healthcare and education policy – for the purpose of a «health school» – and for developing future scenarios for education in the field of healthcare.

Development of an interprofessional Careum Campus
The Careum Campus is located in the heart of Zurich’s University district. An ideal location for implementing the foundation’s goal: to promote education in the fields of healthcare and social services through innovation and development. The geographical proximity to the University, University Hospital Zurich and ETH makes it the ideal place for innovation, research and development to promote a forward-looking approach to education in healthcare.

Careum has a vision of an interprofessional oriented campus that serves as a place of encounter and dialogue. Innovative education projects were carried out while developing and expanding the Careum Campus. The result was the Careum Educational Centre, with courses for healthcare professions, as well as Careum Publishing, with learning and teaching materials for healthcare and social professions.

Research on the Careum Campus
The Research Institute of the Careum School of Health deals with current issues regarding healthcare provision at home. The aim is to develop interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral knowledge regarding innovative forms of care and user-oriented approaches to care provision. The co-production approach involving patients, relatives and health experts plays an important role in this. The overriding research focus is on leading an independent life with a chronic illness.

Main Library – Medicine Careum
The “Main Library – Medicine Careum” is an information centre for the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Zurich, the University Hospital Zurich, the Careum Foundation, the Careum Educational Centre and the Careum School of Health. It serves a wide range of professionals involved in vocational training and higher education.

The library on the Careum Campus encompasses numerous aspects of teaching and research in the medical and healthcare professions. It exploits synergies, creates opportunities for people to meet and lays the foundations for interdisciplinary and interprofessional collaboration. It also serves as an electronic library and a centre of expertise for clinical libraries in Zurich.
Careum Auditorium – a venue with up to 500 seats

The Careum Auditorium is the ideal setting for conferences and lectures. The flexible spatial concept and variable seating arrangements allows events for up to 500 people to be accommodated. The very latest in technology will set the stage for your event. The foyer area is suitable not just for cocktail receptions and coffee breaks, but also for small exhibitions and previews.

An overview of the services on the Careum Campus

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Basic training in health professions and higher vocational school

Careum School of Health
Training and continuing education, part of the Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences

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Distribution of teaching and learning materials in the health and social sector

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Innovative project on educational topics in the health sector

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Education management in the healthcare system

Careum contributes to public discourse about future healthcare issues together with various partners. The national and international dialogue regarding the training and continuing education of health professionals also actively involves input from patients and citizens. In this way, the Careum Foundation strengthens its position as a facilitator where the education and healthcare worlds meet in the context of learning systems.

Careum Education Development supports this process in a sustainable way by helping organise workshops, conferences and public education initiatives. For example, the “Careum Forum” offers a platform to discuss practice-related questions about healthcare provision and developments in training and continuing education for healthcare professions.

Cooperation in an interprofessional team

The provision of healthcare occurs in a complex health system that involves various professions. These need to prepare early for subsequent cooperation across different professions. Therefore Careum is committed to ensure that professionals from healthcare and medicine are already attending the same courses during their training.

Careum has been developing and implementing interprofessional learning settings with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Zurich for over ten years now. Two of these were recognised by the Swiss Academy of Medical Science in 2017. A third award followed in 2018 for the “Careum Summer School”, where students and trainees as well as patients work in large groups and tackle the kinds of questions that various professionals encounter on a day-to-day basis.

In addition, a concept for an interprofessional training ward was developed – the only one of its kind in Switzerland. On the training ward, trainees and students from different professions work together supervised by experienced experts and take responsibility in caring for real patients. The following six institutions are involved in trialling and developing the “Interprofessional Clinical Training Ward Zurich”:

– The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Zurich
– University Hospital Zurich
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