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Who I am ...

Dr. Karin Uecker, freelance medical writer with a background in humanities. I also have professional experience in writing non-fiction books like “Basic Knowledge of Anatomy”. In addition, I have written several successful large grant applications for various theatre projects as well as for my doctoral dissertation.

What I have to offer....

Since 2006 I have been working as university lecturer for scientific writing at Carl von Linde Akademie at the TUM in Munich and also at other universities. Students in my classes learn to write competently and effectively. I also teach style and grammar, so that students learn to write polished texts and to satisfy readers.

I offer longstanding professional experience in teaching with a broad variety of teaching skills and scientific writing practice.

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Title: Publishing in Science

Description

Science is facts; just as houses are made of stone, so is science made of facts; but a pile of stones is not a house, and a collection of facts is not necessarily science. (Jules Henri Poincaré, 1854-1912). How much truth there is in this proverb you will experience when you try to write an article in purpose of publishing in a peer reviewed journal. This course will support you from your idea to the first draft of a publishable article. We will go through the assignment of writing a manuscript step by step, so at the end of the course you will have finished your first draft of your article.

Objective

This course is aimed at medical practitioners who want to publish the results of their studies. We will do research on how to find a suitable journal for your paper subject, explore the structure of a scientific paper, explain different referencing styles and practice writing tasks like writing an abstract, presenting table and figures, and using proper academic language. The course deals with a broad range of different topics within the submission process like 8 reasons why to accept an article for publishing or the peer review process.

The course can be held either in English or in German.

Course: Publishing in Science (2 x 1,5 Days)

General Information

The course contents lectures and exercises for writing

First meeting

Time Schedule 1. Day	Topic	Lectures	Exercises
Lektion 1,2 8-9.30 Uhr	How to find a journal for publishing?	- Scope and aims of specific journals - 8 reasons for accepting a scientific paper - Impact factor	Defining research field and subject of the intended paper
Lektion 3,4 9.45 – 11.15 Uhr	Structure of a scientific paper	- Structure of IMRaD - How to write a paragraph (Tell a story!)	Writing an introduction with peer feed back
Lektion 5,6 11.30- 13 Uhr	Using proper academic language	- Active voice - Avoiding filler words - Present tense - Defined terms - Personal and impersonal stlye	Writing a short conclusion based on the results - Compare with the introduction
13 – 14 Uhr Lunch break			
14 – 15.30 Uhr	Presenting results and methods	- Organizing data, tables and figures	Writing exercises for the method part

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2. Day			
8 – 9.30 Uhr	First draft	- How to write an outline	Putting together the already written parts for a first draft and writing a paragraph for the result part.
9.45 – 11.15 Uhr	Choosing a journal for publishing	- How to find a journal, - Research in detail - Choosing a journal - Assignment for next session: Writing an article for publishing as a first draft	Question and answer session

Second meeting

Time Schedule	Topic	Lectures	Exercises
1. Day			
Lektion 1,2 8-9.30 Uhr	Reference style	- Introduction of the main referencing styles (Harvard, APA)	Work sheets “referencing Style”: Identifying a certain style and finding the mistakes
Lektion 3,4 9.45 – 11.15 Uhr	Tables and Figures	- How to present table and figures	Legend entry of a graph or a table, using word diagram functions
Lektion 5,6 11.30- 13 Uhr	Abstracts	- How to write an abstract	Writing exercise: abstract
13 – 14 Uhr Lunch break			

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1. Day			
14 – 15.30 Uhr	Submission process	- Peer feed back - Modification from the Editor	Working on a checklist for submitting the article

Time Schedule	Topic	Lectures	Exercises
2. Day			
8 – 9.30 Uhr	Peer Review	- How to give feed back	Editing papers from colleagues
9.45 – 11.15 Uhr	Working on modifications	- Publishing is a collaborative process	Working on papers, Question and answer session