



Information on the dissertation in the Clinical Science doctoral program

I. General information

Title

The title of Dr. sc. med. is awarded by the Faculty of Medicine upon application by the chairman of the doctoral committee. The English translation is PhD. The title is awarded only after the deposit copies have been handed in and the certificate has been handed over.

Type of dissertation

The dissertation consists of a monograph. It can summarize various original articles as a cumulative dissertation. Please refer to the detailed regulations for the cumulative dissertation in the doctoral regulations of the Clinical Science doctoral program Art. 5.1, item a.

Mandatory enrolment

Doctoral students must be enrolled during the entire doctoral period.

II. Writing the dissertation

Outline

With regard to the structure you will orientate yourself on the two model dissertations (cumulative/non-cumulative) of the Faculty of Medicine

<http://www.med.uzh.ch/de/Promotion.html#17>.

Language

The dissertation must be written in German or English. The doctoral committee may approve the dissertation in another language.

Title page

Please use the title page, which we make available to you on our homepage. Font Arial and font size 12, except for the title font size 18.

Note

Take a look at dissertations that have already been accepted (e.g. from other PhD programs of the Life Science Zurich Graduate School).



Formal regulations

There are no regulations regarding the text design (line spacing, margin settings, placement of images, etc.). Use the pattern dissertation as a guideline.

The table of contents is to be inserted at the beginning of the work. The respective sections of the dissertation publication (see sample dissertation) must be listed in a table of contents with page references. Numbered titles and subtitles must correspond to the work and be listed in full. There are no regulations regarding the layout of the bibliography. However, it should correspond to a common format (e.g. author/year system).

Information on the handling of thanks and dedications, the structure of the curriculum vitae and the summary can also be found on the homepage of the Faculty of Medicine:

(<http://www.med.uzh.ch/de/Promotion.html#17>).

Before submitting your dissertation

- Make sure that you have complied with all requirements and check that the name of the institute/clinic and the title of the director are correct.
- On the title page you only have to enter the first name according to your passport/ID. This also applies to your curriculum vitae.
- Check the numbering in the table of contents and whether it matches the page numbers.
- Make the curriculum vitae uniform, chronological and up-to-date. The curriculum vitae must not exceed one A4 page.

III. submission and doctoral examination

Procedure of the doctorate

The doctoral committee recommends the completion of the doctorate at the last meeting.

- The process, i.e. the submission and registration for the doctoral examination, must be started at least 12 weeks before the doctoral examination!

Registration for the doctorate

1. The application is submitted with the submission of the dissertation to the members of the PhD committee and to the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Medicine, for the attention of the coordinator of the Clinical Science PhD program. Please submit at the same time a listing of the ECTS points earned and the teaching achievements.



The decision on the acceptance of the dissertation is made by the members of the PhD committee.

2. The head of the dissertation writes an expert opinion together with the chairman of the doctoral committee and arranges for an external expert opinion to be obtained.
3. The dissertation and the two expert opinions, and thus the admission to the doctoral examination, are confirmed by a circular resolution of four faculty members (task of the head of the dissertation). Timeframe for obtaining the circular decision: 4 weeks

Doctoral examination and public presentation

1. The doctoral student makes an appointment with committee members for the doctoral examination (time approx. 6 weeks after submission of dissertation) and organizes the location. The examiners are the members of the doctoral committee under the direction of the chairman of the doctoral committee. The doctoral student summarises the results in a short presentation. This is followed by a survey on the content of the dissertation, on the scientific field of the thesis and on the basic knowledge acquired in the curricular part. Any corrections or improvements to the dissertation will also be discussed.

If this part of the examination is not passed, a one-off repetition within 6 months is possible. If comprehensive revisions of the dissertation are necessary, these should be reviewed by the head of the doctoral committee.

2. After successful completion of the doctoral examination, the final presentation can take place within the framework of a public event. For planning reasons, the final presentation should be scheduled directly after examination. The latest date is 4 weeks after the examination. The date and the location are organized by the graduate.

Completion of the dissertation

1. The chairman of the doctoral committee writes a statement to the Faculty of Medicine about the acceptance of the dissertation. The statement is enclosed: Final version of the dissertation, minutes of the doctoral examination, expert opinion, ECTS credits, proof of teaching achievements.



2. When the Faculty Assembly has approved the dissertation, the Dean grants the permission to print. Within two years, four copies of the final dissertation and a CD-ROM must be submitted to the Central Library. Otherwise the doctorate will not become legally valid.

Evaluation of the doctoral examination

The examination is assessed as "passed" or "failed".

Compulsory copies

The doctorate becomes legally valid if the required copies of the approved dissertation are submitted within two years of completion of the doctorate. Please note the printing regulations of the Faculty of Medicine:

<http://www.med.uzh.ch/de/Promotion.html#17>