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He got his first musical education in playing violin and viola during childhood and was a member of the Rundfunk-Musikschul-Orchester of the former GDR. He studied medicine at the Universities of Rostock, Dublin and Dresden and graduated at the same time in 1996 as a scholarship holder of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes in vocal studies at the University of Music Carl Maria von Weber Dresden with an artistic diploma.

He is a specialist in Phoniatics and Pedaudiology as well as a specialist in Otorhinolaryngology. After being denied professorships for Phoniatics and Pedaudiology at the Universities of Regensburg und Duisburg-Essen he was appointed as Professor and head of the Division for Phoniatics and Pedaudiology and the Saxonian Cochlear Implant Center at the Technische Universität Dresden in 2010. Since 2018 he has been working as Professor, Head and Chairman for Audiology and Phoniatics at the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin.

Being a specialist in communication disorders his main focus is highly specialized phonosurgery and conservative treatment of patients with voice disorders, especially professional singers and actors. Another specialization is hearing with particular experience in musicians medicine and aftercare of patients with cochlear implants. His research focuses on morphological and functional characteristics of professional voices and objective measures of child language acquisition.

Currently, he is a board member of the German Society of Phoniatics and Pediatric Audiology and Secretary General of the PEVOC Advisory Board. Furthermore, for many years he has been working as the head of the Voice research laboratory at the University of Music Dresden. Since 2012 he has held a lectureship in the field of voice physiology at the University Mozarteum Salzburg.

