

## **A Message from the Dean**

### **Cultivating Practical Nursing and Welfare Professionals to Address Emerging Social Needs through Interprofessional Collaboration!**

The School of Nursing and Social Services was established in 1993 here in Hokkaido as Japan's first. Our faculty aims to educate professionals who can provide comprehensive human care by anticipating the needs of the times and integrating nursing and welfare. Our goal is to produce individuals who contribute to the improvement of community health and well-being.



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Our curriculum is designed to allow students to learn about "human," "environment," "health," and "practice," which are shared areas for nursing and welfare professionals. Our students are sincere, enthusiastic, and possess the creativity to boldly address new needs. They learn the theories and practices needed to provide the best care through interprofessional collaboration, addressing the needs they observe by being close to people's lives. Faculty and staff provide an environment that maximizes each student's talents and offers high-quality practical education programs. Furthermore, we have established a system where students can learn in various training facilities where our graduates and alumni work as clinical instructors. This is evidenced by our high pass rates in the challenging national examinations and by our graduates playing important roles in medical and welfare facilities, public institutions, and research organizations across the country, as well as making significant contributions internationally. The post-graduation stories of our seniors will serve as significant references for the future you aspire to achieve.

We value each student's dreams and aspirations and look forward to learning together with you at our faculty.

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