

## Department of Fundamentals of Nursing

The Department of Fundamentals of Nursing offers courses mainly for freshman and sophomore students, for them to develop as professional nurses with a strong commitment to service. Students are equipped to provide comprehensive nursing care to patients in a pre-clinical laboratory before they are exposed to actual clinical situations. In addition, faculty members of the department oversee the first clinical practicum.

The Department provides the following courses:

- Principle of Nursing
- Basic Nursing Skills
- Seminar of Basic Nursing Skills
- Nursing Management (for senior students)

### Faculty Members

Professor	Noriko Hira, RN, Ph.D. (Nursing),
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Senior Assistant Professor	Shinji Akeno, RN, MSN
Senior Assistant Professor	Sumiko Fukui, RN, MSN
Assistant Professor	Sakiko Fujimoto, RN, ME
Assistant Professor	Akiko Yokokawa, RN, MSN

### Main Research Topics

- Care for patients and family members
- Nursing assessment methods and effects of nursing intervention
- The structure of nursing skills
- Patient–nurse relationships in nursing
- The structure of “clinical wisdom” in nursing practice
- Continuing education and career support for clinical nurses

### Conference Presentations and Current Publications

#### Conference Presentations

- Hira, N., Karatsu, F., Tanaka, I., & Narui, H. (2014). “Study on the helpfulness of support groups for the families of outpatients undergoing cancer treatment.” MASCC, Miami.
- Narui, H., Denpoya, A., Honma, T., & Hira, N. (2014). “Nurses’ recognition of medical care that supports outpatients undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.” MASCC, Miami.
- Hira, N., Karatsu, F., Tanaka, I., & Narui, H. (2012). “Support to families of outpatients undergoing cancer treatment.” MASCC, NY.
- Hira, N. (2011). “Supportive care in cancer: 2011, June, Investigation into the Nursing presence intervention model.” MASCC, Athens.

## Publications

- Denpoya, A., Narui, H., Honma, T., & Hira, N. (2014). "Viewing on team approach to health care for the outpatients undergoing cancer treatment." *Journal of Japan Academy of Human Care Science*, 7(2): 11–21 (in Japanese).
- Narui, H., Honma, T., & Hira, N. (2013). "Needs for the families of outpatients undergoing cancer chemotherapy." *Journal of Japan Academy of Human Care Science*, 6(1): 11–19 (in Japanese).
- Sugita, H. (2012). "A concept analysis: Expertise in critical care nurses." *Japan Academy of Critical Care Nursing*, 8(3), 15–25 (in Japanese).
- Sugita, H., Karatsu, F., Nishimura, K., & Fukui, S. (2016). Evaluation of "Nursing Discussion Forum." *Journal of nursing and social services*, (23), 71–78 (in Japanese with English abstract).
- Akeno, S. (2016). "The significance of touching patients with nurses' hands for nursing skills." *Journal of School of Nursing and Social Services*, Health Sciences University of Hokkaido, 12(1), 67–72 (in Japanese).
- Fukui, S. (2013). "Factors affecting nurses' career choice—a narrative of nurses' experience." *Journal of School of Nursing and Social Services*, Health Sciences University of Hokkaido, 9(1), 133–139 (in Japanese).  
"Due to narrative of the retrospective of experienced nurses"

## Research Projects

The Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

- Hira, N. (2015–2018). Collaborative approach system to home care for patients undergoing cancer treatment and their families (Member of research project).
- Hira, N., Narui, H., & Karatu, F. (2014–2017). Team approach to support group program for the families of outpatients undergoing cancer treatment.
- Hira, N., Narui, H. (2010–2013). Study on the helpfulness of support groups for the families of outpatients undergoing cancer treatment.
- Sugita, H. (2013–2015). Clarification of the process whereby new nurses gain practical clinical wisdom and the development of an assessment tool for nurses' career development.

- Akeno, S. (2014–2016). Verification of characteristics of nursing skills as nursing art—a way of using the hands for expert nurses.

Japan Society of Private Colleges and Universities of Nursing Research Grants for Young Researchers.

Fukui, S. (2013). Contents and influence factors of nurses' employability.

France Bed Medical Home Care Research Subsidy Public Interest Incorporated  
Foundations

- Akeno, S., & Fujimoto, S. (2016). Providing nursing care for excretion assistance in temporary nursing at home and attendant service home: Focus on safe practice of an enema and disimpaction