

Basic principle concerning internationalization of Health Sciences University of Hokkaido

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Significance of internationalization of Health Sciences University of Hokkaido

Since its establishment, the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido has had a basic philosophy of specific education that aims to develop students in attaining elite human characteristics with respect to intellectual, moral, and physical attributes. The School has also cultivated professionals with humanity who have contributed to local society. Furthermore, the School has been establishing multi-dimensional scholarly relationships with overseas educational institutions in order to accept overseas students and scholars.

The rapid growth of the world's population and the number of aged people in particular, is one of the most serious issues in the field of health care and welfare not only in Japan but in most developed countries. Therefore, the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido is expected to promote international exchange of education and research, which aims to foster excellent human resources in achieving healthy, secure and better quality of life, while cooperating with the international community. It is also expected to contribute to local community projects as well as international ventures.

Considering the rapidly developing issue of globalization, the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido abides by the fundamental principles for further internationalization as follows.

Principles of internationalization

1. Educational and research environment improvement for overseas scholars and students
2. Promotion of international exchange with scholars and students
3. Creation of opportunity for international exchange including those in the local community
4. Enrichment of education of foreign languages

Measure of internationalization

1. Promotion of acceptance of overseas students and improvement in the scholarly environment
By 2020, the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido targets the goal of accepting more than 50 overseas students from North America, Europe, South East Asia and other areas on an annual basis. Overseas students include not only full-time students but short-stay students who are not necessarily there to earn credits.
2. Promotion of study abroad for students of the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido
By 2020, the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido targets the goal of sending 30 students from the University to overseas partner educational institutions annually.
3. Reinforcement of cooperation with overseas educational institutions
By 2020, the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido aims to set up a Memorandum of Understanding with more than 20 educational institutions. It will promote scholarly exchange with affiliated educational institutions in North America, Europe and South East Asia as key focus areas. The relationship with these affiliate institutions will be reviewed at the time of contract renewal, referring to the past exchange records.
4. Enrichment of education of international languages
The Health Sciences University of Hokkaido aims to improve educational surroundings whereby students are able to master communication skills that are in line with international standards.