

**Welcome to the Graduate School of Health Sciences, University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan**

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We recruit highly capable new students from all over the world into the Graduate School of Health Sciences (Master's and Doctoral Program), University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan. There are two courses, starting in April and October. The course, starting in October, is designed for both international and Japanese student to study "Global Health" in English.

The Graduate School of Health Sciences aims to train leaders and researchers with a high degree of research capacities in the field of health sciences. Our graduate school consists of two educational research fields, "International Island Health" and "Human Health Development" which conduct unique educational research regarding health related states and the longevity on Okinawa, the physical, psychosocial and cultural factors that influence health, the development of health resources and advanced healthcare technology, and island health in Asia-Pacific region.

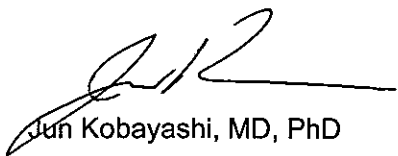
Okinawa is only one prefecture, located in subtropical region in Japan, and has a history of eradicating tropical diseases. Even today, we are facing the similar challenges on health issues as low- and middle-income countries, such as poverty and difficulty in accessing health services in remote islands. One of the strengths of learning global health in Okinawa is that there are fields where these experiences can be observed. The Graduate School of Health Sciences has a strong collaborative relationship with JICA Okinawa Center and is engaged in educational activities. Within this, we hold training courses for government officials around the world on maternal and child health, infectious diseases control, lifestyle-related diseases control, and evidence-based public health planning. Graduate students can also attend these courses as auditors to learn more practical global health in English.

We are offering Master's and Doctoral courses in the Specific Graduate Program in Health Sciences that started from October 2015. Those who complete the Master's and Doctoral courses are expected to work at researchers and leaders in universities, hospital, institutes and international organizations.

This is an excellent opportunity to study and have many exciting experiences on our beautiful island, Okinawa. We look forward to receiving your application for our program.

I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,



Jun Kobayashi, MD, PhD

Dean, Graduate School of Health Sciences

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