

**Neo-Futuristic Human Resource Development Program for
Practical Public Health in Southeast Asia and Pacific Countries,
Graduate School of Health Sciences, University of the Ryukyus**

(NON-SCHOLARSHIP)

(MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL PROGRAM)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Neo-Futuristic Human Resource Development Program for Practical Public Health in Southeast Asia and Pacific Countries (Okinawa Global Health Science Program) has been organized in order to offer a better opportunity for graduate study to students from abroad by (1) instructing all courses in the English language and (2) commencing the academic program in October.

The Program is organized by the Field of Human Health Promotion and International & Islands Health Science, and offers a Master's and a Doctoral program to acquire knowledge and research skills for public health improvement of developing countries.

Upon enrollment, the candidates are each assigned to a supervisor who will direct their thesis research for two years (Master's program) and three years (Doctoral program) in the designated field of specialization. The degree of Master of Health Science will be awarded in recognition of thesis research and course work including seminars, with a minimum of 30 credits (16 compulsory credits and 14 or more elective credits). Some of the courses may include laboratory or field work and training. The degree of Doctor of Health Science will be awarded in recognition of thesis research and course work including seminars, with a minimum of 14 credits.

Before deciding the field and the topic of research, applicants are encouraged and recommended to contact appropriate supervisor(s) listed in the Faculty Members.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION (Fall 2027)

● Admission Schedule

Application Period	April 5 (Mon) - April 9 (Fri), 2027
Exam	May 12 (Wed) - May 14 (Fri), 2027
Announcement of Successful Candidates	June 9 (Wed), 2027
* Application Period for the Qualifying Review	March 1 (Mon) - March 5 (Fri), 2027
* Announcement of the Qualifying Review Results	April 1 (Thu), - April 2 (Fri), 2027

1. Study Areas and Number of Students for Admission

Master's Program	A small limited number of students.
Doctoral Program	A small limited number of students.

2. Qualifications Required for Applicants

2-1) Education: Applicants must be a graduate from a Japanese university or have academic ability equal or superior to that of a Japanese university graduate. A person will be deemed to have academic ability equal or superior to that of a university graduate, if he/she

[1] has completed or will complete a 16-year school curriculum in a foreign country (or an 18-year school curriculum if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty); or

[2] is or will be aged 22 or older and has taken an individual entrance qualification examination and has been judged by a Japanese graduate school as being equal or superior in academic ability to a university graduate (or 24 or older if he/she desires to enroll in a doctoral course in the field of medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or pharmacy which is founded on a 6-year department or faculty)

2-2) Health: Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy enough to take graduate studies at universities in Japan.

2-3) Language: **applicants must be fluent in English.**

2-4) Arrival in Japan: between September 24 (Fri) and 30 (Thu), 2027.

2-5) Those who can guarantee their admission to the university if they are accepted.

*Applicants apply for a student visa to the embassy of Japan by themselves.

*Applicants who apply under category (2-1) [2] must complete the Eligibility Assessment

Application at 3.

Remarks:

- (1) Those who do not arrive within the time limit will be subject to cancellation of their admission.
- (2) Those applicants who failed to graduate by September 2027 will be subject to cancellation of their admission.

3. Eligibility Assessment

Applicants falling under eligibility category [2] in 2. Qualifications Required for Applicants (1) must undergo eligibility assessment. Before applying, the following documents must be sent by March 5 (Fri), 2027 to the mailing address given in 6. Correspondence.

Application Procedures.

- 1) Admission Application (Application for Individual Admission Eligibility Assessment)
(University's prescribed form) (item (1) in 4. Formalities of Application)
- 2) Reasons for Application (University's prescribed form)
- 3) Academic record issue from most recent school
- 4) Graduation (completion) certificate or attendance certificate issue from most recent school (item (3) in 4. Formalities of Application)
- 5) Curriculum vitae and Research plan

4. Formalities of Application

All of the following documents must be received by the Graduate School of Health Sciences, the University of the Ryukyus, before the April 9 (Fri), 2027 deadline.

- (1) Completed Application Form (use the form supplied) (Form I - i , I - ii , I - iii)
- (2) Health Certificate (by public hospital within the past 6 months) (Form II)
- (3) A Letter of Recommendation, addressed to the attention of Dean of Graduate School of Health Sciences University of the Ryukyus, by the dean or head of the institution/employing body. (Form III)
- (4) Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 JPY should be paid by bank transfer before application deadline, April 9 (Fri), 2027. Refer to the following payment information.

University Bank Account Information

Name of Bank: Bank of the Ryukyus (Bank code No. 0187)

Name of Branch: Ginowan Branch (Branch code No. 512)

SWIFT Code: RYUBJPJZ

Account Number: 428711

Name of Account Holder: KOKURITSUDAIGAKUHOJINRYUKYUDAIGAKU

Account Holder's Address: 1076 Kiyuna, Ginowan-shi, Okinawa 901-2720, Japan

Bank Address: 1-5-3 Ginowan, Ginowan-shi, Okinawa 901-2211, Japan

Bank Phone Number: +81-98-893-2231

*Transfer fee will be charged separately.

*Please e-mail us to notify when you send a wire transfer.

E-mail: igznyusen@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp

- (5) Certificate of Graduation or Diploma (undergraduate or graduate, and graduate school if applicable), or Certified Letter from the university or the graduate school at which the applicant is currently enrolled, stating the expected graduation date.
- (6) Official Academic Transcript (undergraduate or graduate, and graduate school if applicable) from the university (and the graduate school) and their English translation.
- (7) Certificate of Citizenship or Proof of Residence in applicant's home country. (A copy of the applicant's passport.)
- (8) Photograph (upper front figure without hat, taken within 3 months, 4 cm× 3 cm), name and nationality indicated on the reverse side, and to be fixed on the specified part of the application form.
- (9) State the titles or subjects of books or papers (including undergraduate and master's thesis written by the applicant), if any, with the name and address of the publisher and the date of publication.
- (10) Certificate of Guaranteed Admission (Those who have a job need to make sure to turn in a document from your employer which states that you are allowed to attend the University of the Ryukyus temporarily.) (There is no required format to follow.)

Remarks:

- 1) The above documents should be written in English using word-processing software when possible.
- 2) Applications will not be accepted if any of the above documents are incomplete, incorrect, or lacking supporting evidence. They will not be accepted if they arrive after the deadline.
- 3) All the submitted documents will be retained and will not be returned to the applicant.
- 4) The information for documents (1), (2), (6) must be written on the forms provided. As a rule, only the originals are accepted.

※English assessment (based on the submission of a TOEFL, TOEIC and other English language Official Score Report) (copy) (if possible)

●Admission criteria

Admission shall be determined based on the results of oral exam (interview) in English.

※You can take the entrance exam online when you are unable to take it at the University of the Ryukyus.

●Expenses(may be subject to change)

(1) Entrance Examination Fee: 30,000 JPY

(2) Admission Fee: 282,000 JPY

(3) Tuition: A total of 535,800 JPY for one year, to be paid in October and April in two divided installment.

Remark:

If you receive a scholarship from an organization such as JICA, whether these expenditures are covered depends on the scholarship. Please ask the institution where the scholarship is offered.

5. Other Notes

- (1) Successful applicants are expected to study and understand the geography, climate, customs and habits of Okinawa as well as the general features and conditions of the University of the Ryukyus.
- (2) The International House may be available for accommodation at reasonable cost, if there are vacancies.
- (3) The areas of research conducted by the faculties, and curricula of the Program are outlined in the ANNEX 1.

6. Correspondence

Applications must be sent by registered air mail or e-mail.

All the correspondence related to this application should be addressed to:

Academic Affairs Unit (Faculty of Medicine)
University of the Ryukyus
1076 Kiyuna
Ginowan-shi, Okinawa 901-2720
Japan
E-mail: igznyusen@acs.u-ryukyu.ac.jp

Aneex1 List of academic supervisors and their research fields (tentative)

Laboratory/division	Professor/ Associate professor	Research fields
Health Promotion Sciences School Health	Assoc. prof. Akira Kyan	Social Epidemiology, Health Promotion & Education, School Health
Adult Health Nursing, Cancer Nursing	Prof. Noriko Teruya	Cancer Nursing, Palliative Care, Adult Health Nursing
Gerontological Nursing	Assoc. prof. Miki Higaonna	Gerontological nursing
Mental Health Nursing, Mental Health		Mental health, Health science, Health promotion
Biometabolic chemistry, Medical biochemistry	Prof. Nanae Harashima	Cancer cell death, Tumor immunology, Natural anticancer compounds, Oxidative stress, Anticancer drug resistance
Molecular Biology, Analysis of Molecular Biology	Prof. Hiroshi Nakao	Multi-drug resistant bacteria, Molecular epidemiology, Development of growth inhibitors of pathogenic bacteria
Molecular Biology, Analysis of Molecular Biology	Prof. Hisataka Awata ※2028.3.31retire	Medical examination information analysis, Renal Function
Home Care Nursing	Assoc. prof. Hiroshi Sekiguchi	Development of Individualized Tsunami Evacuation Models for Vulnerable Populations, Development of Algorithms for Respiratory Pattern Analysis Using s-EMG, Quantitative Text Analysis in Health and Nursing Research
Epidemiology and Behavioral Sciences	Prof. Satoyo Ikehara	Public health, Epidemiology, Behavioral science, Noncommunicable diseases, Women's health, Life course approach
Maternal and Child Nursing		Maternal and child nursing/Maternal and child health, Nursing for children with disabilities / Developmental disorder research
Fundamental Nursing, Global Nursing	Prof. Takehiko Toyosato	Fundamental Nursing, Nursing Management, Nursing System

Global Health	Prof. Jun Kobayashi ※2028.3.31retire	Global Health, Community Health, School Health, Maternal and Child Health, Health Policy, Malaria, Infectious Disease Control
Environmental Health	Assoc. prof. Daisuke Nonaka	Research on effects of physical, social, cultural, family, community, school or workplace environment on health, Community-based research on communicable and non-communicable diseases, health behavior and determinants of health, Health communication
Biostatistics	Prof. Koji Yonemoto	Clinical research and health research using biostatistics, Research on biostatistical methods
Hematoimmunology, Hematoimmunological Analysis	Prof. Takuya Fukushima	Human T-cell Leukemia Virus Type-I, Adult T-cell Leukemia/Lymphoma, Molecular Epidemiology, Search for Biomarker of ATL, Development of Immunotherapy for ATL
Morphological Pathology	Prof. Takao Kinjo	Association between tumors in Okinawa and viral infection, Experimental pathology, Clinical cytology, Molecular biological analysis, Histopathological analysis
Laboratory of Microbiology, Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences	Prof. Itaru Hirai	Pathogenic bacteria, antimicrobial-resistant bacteria, molecular microbiology, Next-generation sequencing, Molecular epidemiology
Women's Health Nursing, Global Women's Health	Prof. Yumiko Endoh	Lifecycle and women's health, Menstrual cycle, Indefinite complaints in women's lifecycle
Community Health Nursing, Island Community Health Nursing	Assoc. prof. Yuko Toyama	Public health nursing, Community Health Nursing, Public Health