

Application Procedures for Graduate Study as a Postgraduate International Research Student at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences

Admission to the graduate school in 2009

Application Procedures:

Foreign students are eligible to enroll in the Research in Nursing Science Major in the Master's Program at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences. Courses in the Graduate School start in April, 2009.

(a) Qualifications for Application:

Applicants who have non-Japanese nationality are required to have completed 16 years of school education, and to have earned a 4-year bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in Japan or another country, by March, 2009.

(b) Application Procedures:

All applicants are required to submit an Application Form for Graduate Enrollment. It is necessary to complete the application procedures by **Friday, October 31, 2008**. Please contact the Graduate Admissions Office at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences for more information, if necessary.

(c) Selection Procedures:

Those who wish to enroll in the Research in Nursing Science Major in the Master's Program are required to take an entrance examination conducted at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences in Oita, Japan on **Sunday, November 23, 2008**.

(d) The Entrance Examination:

The entrance examination consists of a written test and an interview.

Written Test: The written test is scheduled to be given from 10:00 to 12:00 on Sunday, November 23, 2008, at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences in Oita, Japan. The test is conducted in English, and evaluates the ability of the applicant to solve basic problems in the medical, health and welfare fields.

Interview: The interview is scheduled to be given from 13:00 on Sunday, November 23,

2008, at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences in Oita, Japan. The interview is conducted in English, and evaluates the ability of the applicant to communicate in English, and evaluates the motivation of the applicant to study in the Research in Nursing Science Major in the Master's Program at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Those who have passed the entrance examination and been accepted for enrollment in the Master's Program will be notified of the results on Wednesday, December 3, 2008.

(e) Enrollment Procedures for Successful Applicants:

Those who have passed the entrance examination and been accepted for enrollment in the Master's Program must complete all the necessary entrance procedures by the deadline of 17:00 local Japanese time, on Friday, December 12, 2008. Applicants must submit an admission card and one photograph (4 cm x 3 cm) by this deadline. They must also have paid an enrollment fee of 332,000 Japanese yen to Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences by this deadline. Please contact the Graduate Admissions Office at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences for more information, if necessary.

(f) Annual Tuition for Foreign Students in the Master's Program:

Annual tuition for foreign students in the Master's Program at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences is 535,800 Japanese yen. This annual tuition is to be paid twice a year at the end of April and October in installments of 267,900 Japanese yen each. Please be aware that the first tuition payment for successful enrollees in the Master's Program in 2009 is to be paid by the end of April, 2009. Please contact the Graduate Admissions Office at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences for more information on other required payments such as insurance fees.

For further information on the Research in Nursing Science Major in the Master's Program at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences, contact:

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The Graduate School at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences

The graduate school at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences was established in 2002 with the foundation of a Master's degree program in nursing. In April, 2004, a doctoral program in nursing was established in the graduate school. The main objective of our Master's program is to educate advanced professional nurses and midwives. The graduates of the Master's program are expected to take a leadership role in nursing research and practice. The main objective of the doctoral program is to generate human resources in the field of nursing by nurturing and developing researchers and professors of nursing science.

Education in our graduate school is characterized by both day and night instruction, small class sizes, and mentor-group instruction for each individual student. This system allows students working as nurses and midwives during the day to study for their degrees after work. Three mentors supervise each student's research from an interdisciplinary point of view, even when a student wants to focus on a specific theme of nursing science. The expertise of our mentors ranges over biostatistics, physiology, biology, environmental health, and sports sciences.

In 2008, three new Master's majors started for students seeking qualification as professional midwives, nurse practitioners (NP), and Certified Nurse Specialists (CNS) in maternity nursing. The NP major was the first graduate school course for educating NPs in Japan, and it is expected that this will be the first step in the process of establishing a national qualification system for nurse practitioners in Japan. The objectives of the new majors are to train highly educated midwives, highly qualified NPs and highly qualified CNSs who can contribute to clinical practice in medical facilities with insufficient numbers of physicians, because of current estimates of future shortages of medical doctors in local areas.

Majors in the Master's Program:

Research in Nursing Science Major

Students choosing this major must complete a Master's thesis. There are three specialty areas for research: fundamental nursing, developmental nursing, and public health nursing. This major is characterized by day and night instruction, small class sizes, and mentor-group education for individual students. Many working nurses and midwives seek further education

at the graduate level because of their commitment to the profession of nursing and their desire for career advancement. Day and night classes enable them to study in a graduate program while working. Mentor-group education allows students to pursue their research from an interdisciplinary point of view, even if their focus is on a specific theme of nursing science. In this major three mentors supervise each student's research. For example, a student doing comparative research on the fatigue of nurses and other medical personnel would receive the advice of a mentor specializing in physiology, making it possible to investigate fatigue from a physiological approach in addition to using a survey questionnaire. Students also receive statistical support and use statistical software such as SPSS, SAS and S-PLUS to process experimental data and survey data since measured data should be interpreted from a statistical view.

Professional Midwife Major

There is a midwifery course in the undergraduate school of this university for training nursing students as midwives. The main objective of the midwifery Master's major is the further education of currently practicing midwives as highly advanced professionals capable of taking responsibility for the out-patient clinics of maternity hospitals. These highly trained and educated professional midwives are expected to be capable of diagnosing pregnancy and caring for women having normal deliveries during the entire period of pregnancy and puerperium. At present, there is a shortage of obstetricians in Japan. These highly advanced professional midwives are expected to improve the current situation.

Nurse Practitioner Major

In 2008, our university established a course for the training of advanced practice nurses in the Master's degree program. This was the first graduate school major course for educating NPs in Japan, and it aims to develop advanced practice nurses in the fields of pediatrics and geriatrics. Students are taught a wide range of in-depth knowledge and skills, including physical assessment and pharmacology. The major is characterized by long credit hours of clinical training, which are required for learning from medical practitioners in hospitals. To facilitate the education of working nurses who want to become NPs, our university established a long-term credit system for students, who are able to take classes for up to four years at the normal rate of tuition.

The Doctoral Program

Students entering this program must complete a doctoral dissertation. They must get their dissertation accepted for publication in an academic journal in order for the review and approval process of their doctorate to commence. One of the characteristics of our doctoral program is the possibility of admission for non-nursing students who do not have national licensure as nurses.

Expertise in research can be attained in the areas of biology and physiology, environmental toxicology, sports sciences, radiological health and biology, and biostatistics and informatics in our doctoral program.

The fundamental concept of our doctoral program is Evidence-Based Nursing (EBN), in which an experimental and interventional approach provides evidence for research in nursing science, and results in reasonable clinical practice. To accumulate evidence, mutual collaboration is necessary among nurses and various other human resources.

Examinee's number (blank):

9. Education: List ALL colleges and universities you have attended

Name	Location	Major	Dates Attended (From – To)	Degree Awarded
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10. Work Experience:

Employer	Location	Duties	Dates
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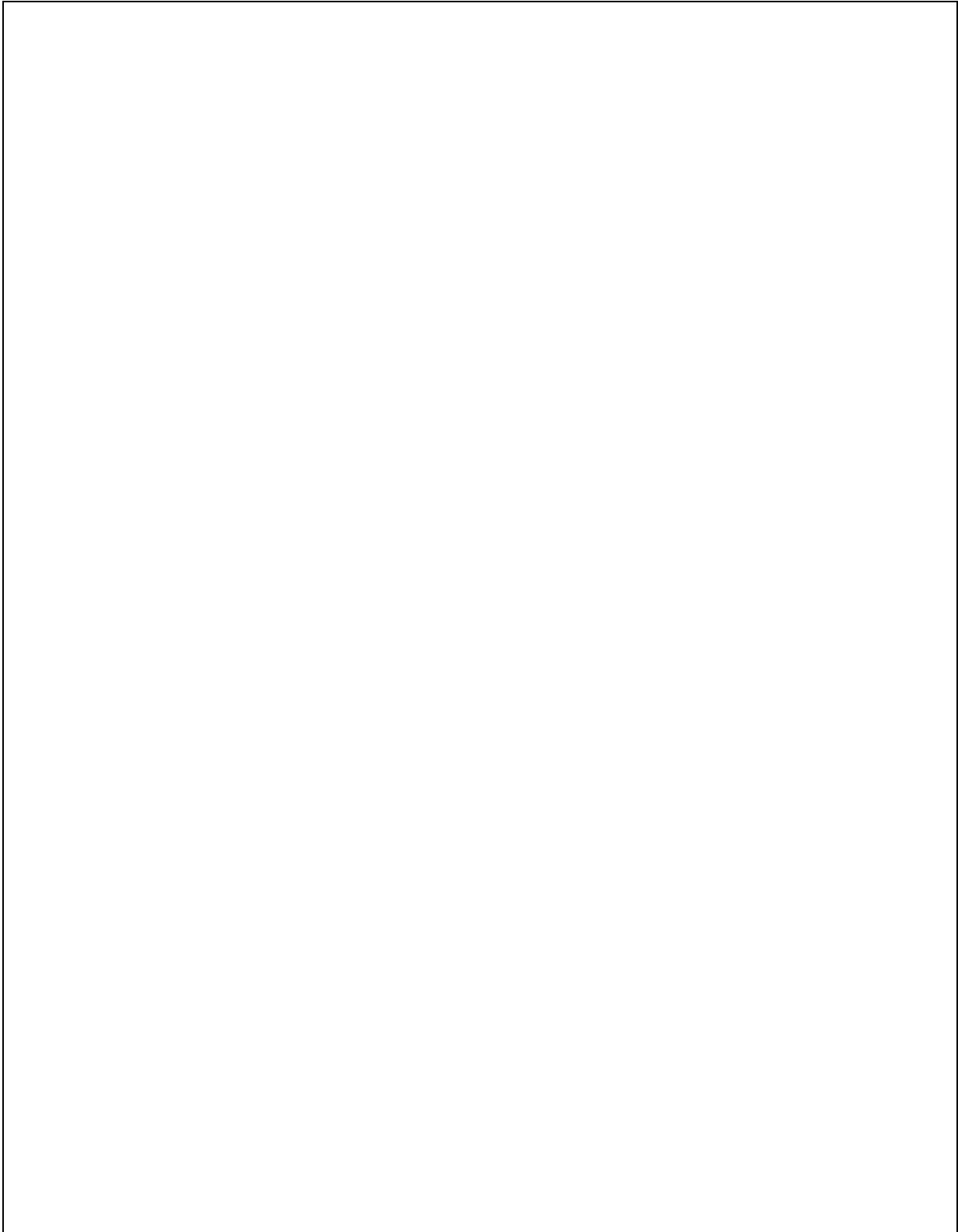
11. Activities in professional, community, and collegiate organizations:

12. Publications, theses, awards, and creative work:

Examinee's number (blank):

13. Statement of Professional Plans and Goals 1:

(In the space below clearly indicate your motivation to study in the nursing science major in the Master's Program at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences)

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Examinee's number (blank):

14. Statement of Professional Plans and Goals 2:

(In the space below clearly indicate the research subjects you wish to study in the nursing science major in the Master's Program at Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences, and indicate any other special interests you may have within the discipline of nursing science)

ALL APPLICANTS PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

I understand that Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences admissions personnel will have access to my student record and that withholding information requested or giving false information will make me ineligible for admission to the University and subject to dismissal. With this in mind, I certify that the above statements are correct and complete and if admitted, I agree to abide by the published policies, rules and regulations of Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Please verify the following statement:

I, (name: _____), certify that the statements in this application are correct and complete, and I agree to abide by the policies, rules and regulations of Oita University of Nursing and Health Sciences if admitted.

Yes No Date: _____