

**Application Guidelines  
for  
Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science  
(Doctorate Course)  
Okayama Prefectural University (OPU)  
for  
the 2023 Academic Year**



The Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science, OPU offers master's and doctorate courses. These guidelines are for application to the doctorate course.

The Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science offers three concentrations closely related to the Master's Course of Nursing Science, Master's Course of Nutritional Science and Master's Course of Health and Welfare Science. This doctorate course provides education and research aiming to cultivate educators/researchers with advanced knowledge in the field of health and welfare science.

Read the content of each concentration and submit the required documents by the listed deadlines.

#### **Admissions Schedule Overview**

Items	Schedule, Examination Venue, etc.
Preliminary Consultation for Disabled Applicants	Until <b>Friday, September 9, 2022</b>
Submission of Application for Qualification Screening	Until <b>Friday, September 16, 2022</b> [Applicants falling into Qualification (4) or (6) on page 2]
Interview with the Doctorate Course Supervisor	Until <b>Friday, September 16, 2022</b>
Application Period	<b>From Monday, September 26, 2022 to Friday, September 30, 2022</b>
Examination Date and Venue	<b>Thursday, October 20, 2022 : at Okayama Prefectural University</b>
Announcement of Successful Applicants	<b>Tuesday, November 1, 2022</b>
Enrollment Procedures	<b>From Wednesday, November 9, 2022 to Friday, November 11, 2022</b>

### **Online Application for the 2023 Academic Year Entrance Examination**

Okayama Prefectural University implemented an online application system for the graduate school entrance examination from the 2020 academic year to improve applicant convenience and institutional efficiency.

The online application system enables applicants to apply 24 hours a day during the application period and alleviates the need to request the paper-based Applicant Guidelines.

Please note that some documents such as the Certificate of Graduation (Prospective Graduation) and transcripts will still need to be sent by mail.

Availability of the downloadable Applicant Guidelines for each of the examination categories on the official OPU website is to be announced.

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### <Important Notice>

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the schedule and procedures of the entrance examination may change. Please check for the most recent information on the official OPU website before submitting the application.

## **I Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science, Okayama Prefectural University**

### **Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science**

The Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science strives to cultivate researchers and other professionals equipped with advanced knowledge, skill and research competence qualified to identify and resolve issues in the field of health and welfare, and who are capable of contributing to the development of a healthy society in which everyone enjoys a healthy and fulfilling life.

Each course conducts entrance examinations according to the admission policy to select students from Japan and abroad

### **Admission Policy of the Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science**

The Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science aims to cultivate practitioners, instructors, researchers, and educators in individual specialties equipped with highly-advanced knowledge that enables them to address a wide range of health and welfare issues through approaches to issues we encounter from the viewpoint of life, nutrition, nursing care, and welfare using their deep sense of ethics and comprehensive ability to make accurate judgments.

Therefore, we seek individuals with broad knowledge and skill in health and welfare as well as a deep sense of ethics, highly rational thought and the ability to make judgments who have advanced academic abilities as they develop and improve their communication skills, including English proficiency, and who are capable of identifying important issues related to health and welfare around the world to develop appropriate measures to address them.

Selection for admission is based on a comprehensive evaluation of a written examination of foreign language proficiency (English), the applicant's master's thesis and Research Project Overview as well as an interview to evaluate rational thinking and judgment, motivation, and personality.

## II Application Guidelines of the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science (Doctorate Course), Okayama Prefectural University

### 1. Enrollment Capacity

(people)

Course	Enrollment Capacity (including adult and overseas students)
Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science	5

(Notes)

1. Adult students are those who engage in the professional practice at any of medical institution, health prevention institution, welfare institution, education and research institution, public office or company at the time of application and will continue to do so after enrollment.
2. Overseas students are those who are of non-Japanese nationality, have “Student” resident status as stipulated in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Cabinet Order No. 319 of 1951) or be able to obtain “Student” resident status after finishing enrollment procedures.

### 2. Qualifications for Application

Applicants must :

- (1) Hold a master’s or other professional degree, or plan to hold said degree by March 31, 2023.
  - (2) Hold a master’s or other professional degree in an overseas country, or plan to hold said degree by March 31, 2023.
  - (3) Have completed or plan to complete a correspondence course provided by an overseas school in Japan and hold or plan to hold a master’s or other professional degree, or the equivalent thereof by March 31, 2023.
  - (4) Have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Notification of Ministry of Education, No. 118 of 1989).  
Those who have been engaged in research at a university or research institute for two or more years and have been recognized by the graduate school as possessing academic ability equal to or surpassing the level of individuals who hold a master’s degree according to the results of the relevant research, after having graduated from a university, or after having completed a 16-year curriculum of school education in an overseas country, or after having completed a 16-year curriculum of school education of an overseas country through correspondence education conducted by a relevant overseas school while in Japan.
  - (5) Have completed the curriculum of an overseas educational facility in Japan recognized under the relevant overseas country’s school education system and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and hold or plan to hold a master’s or other professional degree by March 31, 2023.
  - (6) Have been recognized by the president of OPU as possessing academic ability equal to or surpassing the level of individuals who hold a master’s or other professional degree through individual examination for admission and have reached the age of 24 by March 31, 2023.
- \* Applicants wishing to apply for admission under Qualification (4) or (6) will be screened before application is accepted. (See 3. Application Procedures -(9) on page 6.)
- (7) Foreign students must fall into any of the following.
    - ① One who has or will have a master’s degree or a professional degree by March 31, 2023 in a foreign country. (The applicant should have experience and accomplishments in research work.)
    - ② It is desirable that the applicant has a Japanese language proficiency equivalent to the 2nd grade of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test administered by the Japan Foundation and the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services.
    - ③ The applicant’s purpose of studying in Japan should be clear.

- ④ In principle, the applicant should be engaged in research, education, medical care, etc. in his/her native country after completion of the course.
- ⑤ In the Nursing Science Concentration, it is desirable that the applicant is able to listen to explanations in Japanese and understand basic technical terms of nursing science.

### 3. Application Procedures

#### (1) Application

Please place all the documents required for the application, including those downloaded from the online application system, in a “Kakugata 2-gou” envelope (332mmH x 240mmW) and submit by simplified registered express mail.

However, you may bring those documents only on the last day of the enrollment procedure period, between 9:00 and 17:00.

When you bring those documents in person, please make it sure to contact Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by the day before you bring them.

Applicants filing from outside of Japan are requested to provide a contact address in Japan to which the entrance examination admission card, letter of acceptance and other documents may be sent. (If no contact address in Japan is listed, the university will send documents to the listed address abroad.)

#### (2) Application Period

**From Monday, September 26, 2022 to Friday, September 30, 2022**

(Notes)

1. Only those application documents which are sent by simplified registered express mail with postmarked on or before Thursday, September 29 shall be accepted.  
\* In cases where you send documents from outside of Japan, the documents must be reached on or before September 30(Fri.), 2022 JST.
2. Please note that we will not provide any information regarding the delivery.

#### (3) Where to send:

Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division  
 Okayama Prefectural University  
 111 Kuboki, Soja-shi, Okayama Pref. 719-1197

#### (4) Application Documents

Please read the Online Application Guidelines (For Graduate Schools) provided separately for more details.

Application Documents Required	Preparation Procedures
①Application Form (Original Form)	After completing the online application, please print out and submit the required documents in accordance with the Online Application Guidelines (For Graduate Schools) provided separately. Please write the name of the supervisor who gave an interview and approval for the application in the “Supervisor who approved your application” column (See the subparagraph 3. Application Procedures -(6) on page 5).
②Certificate of Graduation (Prospective Graduation)	The certificate must be issued and sealed by the president or the dean of the relevant university. Applicants who have graduated or will graduate from our graduate school are exempt.

③ Transcripts	<p>Transcripts must be issued and sealed by the president or the dean of the relevant university.</p> <p>Applicants falling into Qualification (1), (2), (3), (5) or (7) must submit transcripts of the relevant faculty and graduate school, <u>and applicants falling into Qualification (4) or (6) must submit transcripts of the relevant faculty.</u></p> <p>Submit the transcripts listing grades of all credits obtained while at the university.</p>
④ Resume	<p>Applicant must fill out the form provided.</p> <p>Please download the prescribed Form from the official OPU website.</p> <p>Applicants filing from outside of Japan are asked to provide a contact address in Japan for emergencies in addition to an address in their home country.</p> <p>Applicants who have completed or will complete the 15-year or 16-year curriculum of school education in an overseas country are required to include a complete academic history from entrance to elementary school.</p>
⑤ Master's Thesis, etc.	<p>(A) Applicants who hold a master's degree must submit a copy of their master's thesis or the abstract thereof (within 2000 Japanese characters).</p> <p>(B) Applicants who will graduate from a master's program and applicants falling into Qualification (4) or (6) must submit a report of research progress or work content (within 2000 Japanese characters). Materials regarding research presentations and patents, if any, should also be submitted.</p>
⑥ Research Project Overview	<p>Applicants must describe a field and theme of research that they are interested in working on in the Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science. (Free Format)</p>
⑦ Others	<p>(A) As for the special entrance examination (for foreign students), if you have any documents certifying your Japanese language ability, please submit a copy of each.</p> <p>(B) Overseas applicants residing in Japan are required to submit a copy of the "certificate of residence" which includes status of residence and period of stay issued by the mayor of the municipal office. Overseas applicants that are not registered residents must submit a copy of the page in their passport that shows their name, birth date and sex.</p>

(Notes)

1. Among the documents required for the application, "④ Resume" is available from the website. Use black ballpoint pen for all application forms. Cross out mistakes with a double line and write the correction next to them.
2. Attach Japanese translations of certificates (except those written in Japanese and English) to the documents required for application.
3. Applicants who wish to have original certificates returned should note this when submitting the application forms. The university will make copies and return original certificates.

## (5) Examination Fee

- ① Examination Fee  
30,000 yen

② Payment Method

Please submit payment for the examination fee by one of the methods shown below in accordance with the online application procedures.

- (A) At a convenience store
- (B) By credit card
- (C) By ATM (Pay-easy payment)/ Net banking

※Fees for Various payments shall be borne by the applicant.

③ Payment period

From Monday, September 26, 2022 to Friday, September 30, 2022

④ Refund of Examination Fee

The Examination Fee shall not be refunded except in cases (A) through (B) described below. The amount of refund shall be equivalent to the amount of the Examination Fee. Refund of Examination Fee is made upon request. Applicants who fall into one of the following categories and who wish a refund are required to contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by Monday, October 31, 2022 to complete the necessary procedures (Examination Fee Payment Certificate is required for the procedure). For Case (B), the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU will contact the relevant individual.

- (A) Applicants who paid the Examination Fee but did not submit the application documents
- (B) Applicants who paid the Examination Fee but whose application was not accepted
- (C) Applicants who have mistakenly paid the Examination Fee twice

⑤ Examination Fee Waiver Program

A special examination fee exemption is available for those who fall under either (A) or (B) below. When you are eligible for this program, please be sure to contact Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU before you apply online.

- (A) Victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake (2011) or 2018 Japan Floods

\*Visit the official OPU website for details.

- (B) Individuals to be completing OPU Graduate School (Master's Program) and planning to enroll in its Doctoral Program

**(6) Interview with the Doctorate Course Supervisor**

To discuss the content of research conducted in Doctorate Courses in the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science, make appointments for interviews with the supervisor of the doctorate course you wish to enter by no later than **Friday, September 16, 2022**. Applicants are also required to obtain approval from the supervisor before submission.

Each student can choose an instructor from the following list of faculty in charge of Thesis.

(\*This system is scheduled for the 2022 academic year. Some conditions may change.)

Concentration	Name of Instructor
Nursing Science Concentration	MORIMOTO Michiko, Prof. OGINO Tetsuya, Prof. SUMIYOSHI Kazuko, Prof. MORINAGA Yumiko, Prof. OKAZAKI Yuka, Associate Prof. MIKANE Sakae, Associate Prof. NAGOSHI Megumi, Associate Prof. INOUE Sachiko, Associate Prof. SASAKI Shinsuke, Associate Prof.
Nutritional Science Concentration	YAMAMOTO Toshiko, Prof. IRIE Yasuyuki, Prof. ITO Hideyuki, Prof. TAKAHASHI Yoshitaka, Prof. YAMASHITA Hiromi, Prof. KAWAKAMI Takayo, Prof. TANAKA Koichi, Prof. KAWAKAMI Yuki, Associate Prof.
Health and Welfare Science Concentration	TAKATO Jinro, Prof. KONDO Rie, Prof. NAKAMURA Hikaru, Prof. SAKANO Junko, Prof. IWAMITSU Kenji, Prof. RAKUGI Akiko, Associate Prof. YAMAMOTO Takashi, Prof. MURAKOSO Takashi, Prof. TAKEMOTO Yoshihito, Prof.

### (7) Preliminary Consultation for Disabled Applicants

Disabled applicants requiring special consideration while taking the examination or following enrollment are asked to contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by **Friday, September 9, 2022**.

Submit the application after receipt of notice of special measures for examinations and enrollment.

Depending on the nature of the consultation, it may take some time to respond, so please consult with us as soon as possible.

### (8) Notes Regarding Application Procedures

- ① Ensure that all required documents are included in the application. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.
- ② Acceptance may be invalidated at any time if any information provided in the application documents is found to have been falsified.
- ③ Changes to applications will not be allowed after submission. In the case of a change of name, address or telephone number, applicants should notify the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU as soon as possible.
- ④ Application documents will not be returned.
- ⑤ Entrance examination admission cards, acceptance letters, etc. will be sent to the contact address specified by the applicant. Applicants filing from outside Japan are asked to specify a contact address in Japan.

### (9) Review of Qualifications for Application

Applicants wishing to apply for admission under Application Qualification (4) or (6) in 2 are asked to submit the below-listed documents to the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by no later than **Friday, September 16, 2022** for review of the relevant qualification, which must be completed before the application can be accepted. The results of this review will be announced to the applicant.

Applicants are also asked to schedule interviews with the supervisor of the doctorate course they wish to enter before submitting their application.

Documents Required	Preparation Procedures
① Application Form for Review of Qualification for Application	Use the <u>prescribed Form</u> and fill out completely.
② Certificate of Graduation	Certificate issued and sealed by the last school attended.
③ Transcripts	Certificate issued and sealed by the last school attended.
④ Statement of research performance	The <u>prescribed Form</u> is used to describe research performance associated with the applicant's major field.
⑤ Qualifications/Licenses	Copies of licenses relevant to the applicant's major field that may be useful, and a brief explanation of each.

(Notes)

1. Please download the "prescribed Form" from the OPU website.
2. When the applicant is qualified to apply, both ② and ③ are not necessary.

#### 4. Examination Schedule

##### (1) Examination Date and Time Table

Exam Date	<b>Thursday, October 20, 2022</b>
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Exam Type (Ordinary/Adult Students/Overseas Students)	Points	Time
Written Examination • Special subject examination related to a concentration Questions related to a preferred concentration are set in English. You can bring an English-Japanese dictionary into the examination room, but electronic dictionaries, dictionaries for specialized terminology, a dictionary containing both Japanese-English and English-Japanese dictionaries are not allowed. Besides English-Japanese dictionary, overseas students are allowed to bring a dictionary in their own language that is equivalent to an English-Japanese dictionary, such as English-Korean dictionary, etc.	100	10:00 to 12:00
Interview • Examinees will be interviewed on mainly their master's thesis and the Research Project Overview.	100	Starting from 13:30

(Notes)

1. Examinees must, according to the Exam Type, enter and be seated in the designated examination room or the interview waiting room by 9:45 or 13:20 respectively. The examination room and the interview room numbers will be posted at the examination venue on the examination day
2. Examinees are permitted to enter the designated examination/interview room within 30 minutes after the beginning of the written examination/interview. However, the examination time will not be extended.
3. Examinees are not allowed to leave the examination room until the designated ending time.
4. Examinees who fail to take either the written examination or the interview shall be eliminated from consideration.
5. Examination of the master's thesis and the research plan is included in evaluation of the interview.

##### (2) Selection

Selection for admission is based on a comprehensive evaluation of the applicant's master's thesis and the Research Project Overview, written examination, and interview.

Foreign students must fall into any of the following.

① Applicants for any of the Concentrations are required to have an interview in Japanese with a person responsible of the chosen concentration and a preferred teacher whom the applicant wishes to receive instruction from before applying.

② The test consists of a written examination of English and an interview, which is conducted in Japanese. One of the questions in the written examination is different from the one in the examination for Japanese students.

③ Notes Regarding each concentration

(A) Nursing Science Concentration

A foreign student at their own expense or one without nursing qualification may be interviewed several times before applying for the course to confirm his/her academic motivation.

(B) Nutritional Science Concentration

A technical oral examination is conducted during the interview (including a presentation in Japanese about the outline of the thesis written in the Master's Course).

(C) Health and Welfare Science Concentration

Thesis and the research plan are also examined.

**(3) Examination Venue**

Okayama Prefectural University Faculty of Health and Welfare Science  
111 Kuboki, Soja-shi, Okayama Pref. 719-1197

**(4) Precautions for Examination**

① Belongings on the day of the entrance examination

(A) We will notify you of the Entrance Examination Admission Card at your registered e-mail address when it is available to print out. Bring the card with you after you print it out. (A4 or letter sized, color, no expanding nor shrinking)

If the notifying e-mail mentioned above is not sent to you by Saturday, October 15, 2022, contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU immediately.

(B) The Entrance Examination Admission Card must, according to the instruction the proctors, be put on the desk at the time of examination.

Applicants who failed to bring their Entrance Examination Admission Card should have the temporary card issued at the Examination Headquarter without delay.

(C) Do not leave anything on the desk except an Entrance Examination Admission Card, pencils, mechanical pencils, an eraser, pencil caps, a manual pencil sharpener, a watch (sound function must be off), glasses, a handkerchief, tissues (without package), eye-drops, an English or applicants' native language-Japanese dictionary, and a thumb stall.

(D) Examinees are not allowed to use such electronic devices as mobile phones, smartphones, or wearable appliances during taking examination. Never fail to turn off those devices and alarm function before entering the examination/interview waiting room.

(E) In order to identify the examinee, proctors may ask you to remove masks and/or hats.

(F) Examinees are prohibited from borrowing any items from other examinees during the examination (or interview waiting room).

(G) Examinees are allowed to read any books except for digital books or drink water during waiting for the interview, however examinees must obtain permission from the proctor to do so in advance.

(H) As the canteen and the campus shop are closed on the examination day, please bring your lunch, if necessary.

(I) If an examinee left something carelessly in the campus, we will keep it for a certain period since the examination day. However, it will be abolished after the certain period.

② Dishonest behavior

(A) Examinee who behaved dishonestly are ordered to stop taking examination and leave the room at once. S/he cannot continue the examination and all the result shall become invalid.

Dishonest behaviors are:

- Intentionally providing false information on the Admission Application Form, Entrance Examination Admission Card, Photo Card for Entrance Examination Admission, or Answer Sheet
- Cheating on the examination.
- Providing answers to other examinees or helping other examinees to cheat.
- Bringing the examination questions paper out of the examination room before the examination ends

- Bringing the answer sheet out of the examination room before the examination ends
- Opening the examination questions or answering before being told to start answering.
- Using electronic devices, including mobile or smart phones and wearables during the examination period.
- Continuing to answer questions after being told to stop.

(B) Behavior described below may also be deemed dishonest; Examinees who do not follow instructions or deemed to be dishonest will be treated as above (A).

- Wear or holding electrical devices, including mobile or smart phones and wearables without permission during the examination period.
- Interfering during the examination by the sound of mobile phones and watches (ring tone, alarm, vibration, etc.).
- Making false announcements regarding the examination to be advantageous for him/herself or other examinees.
- Disturbing other examinees at the examination venue.
- Disregarding instructions given by proctors.
- Behavior that may spoil the fairness of the examination.

③ Others

(A) In the event of unforeseen circumstances (natural disaster, etc.) that prevent administration of the examination on the predetermined schedule or necessitate emergency contact with applicants, the university will post information on the official OPU website

(B) Any other information will be sent to the e-mail address registered with the online application system.

## 5. Announcement of Successful Applicants

### (1) Announcement Date

**10 a.m., Tuesday November 1, 2022(JST)**

### (2) Announcement Procedures

ID numbers are uploaded to our website. (No announcement will be posted on the bulletin board.)

In addition, an official letter of acceptance will be sent to the successful applicants by post.

We do not respond to any inquiries via telegram, telephone, mail, e-mail, or etc.

(Note) We have nothing to do with any persons who deal with sending notification of acceptance in campus on the day of Exam. Please note that we do not take responsibility for this matter.

## 6. Enrollment Procedures

### (1) Enrollment Steps

Detailed enrollment procedures along with the letter of acceptance will be sent to the designated address of successful applicant by post.

Submit the documents described in paragraph (4) below by simplified registered express mail.

However, you may bring those documents only on the last day of the enrollment procedure period, between 9:00 and 17:00.

When you bring those documents in person, please make it sure to contact Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by the day before you bring them.

## (2) Enrollment procedure period

**From Wednesday, November 9, 2022 to Friday, November 11, 2022  
(Due not later than the last day)**

## (3) Where to Complete Enrollment Procedures

Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division  
Okayama Prefectural University  
111 Kuboki, Soja-shi, Okayama Pref. 719-1197

## (4) Documents Required for Enrollment

Documents Required for Enrollment	Preparation Procedures
① Entrance Examination Admission Card	
② Pledge	Fill out the <u>prescribed Form</u> and affix your seal or signature.
③ Certificate of Residence (Application for Certification)	“Okayama Prefecture Residents” in 7-(1)-① are required to submit this certificate. Fill out the <u>prescribed Form</u> (not the form used by the local government) and have it approved by your relevant local government office.
④ Entrance Fee	Applicants are required to remit the entrance fee listed in 7-(1). Payment instructions will be enclosed with the letter of acceptance. Applicants who will graduate from a master’s course of our university and enroll in our doctorate course are not required to pay the entrance fee.
⑤ 1 photo (For student ID card)	The doctorate course and the applicant’s name should be written on the reverse side of a 4cmHx3cmW color photos (front upper body, no hats, and no background scenery)
⑥ Certificate of Conferment of a Master’s Degree, etc.	Applicants who fall under “2 Qualifications for Application” (1), (2), (3), (5) or (7) and have taken the examination prior to acquiring master’s degree, etc. must submit this certificate. Those who are to acquire a master’s degree from OPU are exempt from submission.

(Notes)

1. The “prescribed Form” will be enclosed with the letter of acceptance.
2. Certificate of Conferment of a Master’s Degree, etc. described in ⑥ are used to verify the applicant’s qualification for admission (Application Qualifications (1), (2), (3), (5) or (7) shown in 2). Relevant applicants must submit this by **Friday, March 31, 2023**.

## (5) Enrollment Procedure Precautions

- ① Enrollment procedures must be completed by the specified date. Applicants who fail to complete the procedure by the specified date will be deemed to have declined enrollment.
- ② Incomplete documents required for enrollment will not be accepted.
- ③ Documents required for enrollment that arrived after the enrollment procedure period will not be accepted.
- ④ Enrollment documents will not be returned.
- ⑤ Applicants who are not eligible for enrollment as of **Saturday, April 1, 2023** will not be admitted to enroll.

## 7. First-Year Payment

### (1) Entrance Fee

Payment of the entrance fee is required at the time of enrollment. Instructions will be included with the letter of acceptance.

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| ① Okayama Prefecture Residents | <b>188,000 yen</b> |
| ② Non-residents                | <b>282,000 yen</b> |

(Notes)

1. "Okayama Prefecture Residents" are defined as either:

① Individual residing in Okayama Prefecture since April 1, 2022, or

② Individual whose spouse or first-degree relative has resided in Okayama Prefecture since April 1, 2022.

2. "Okayama Prefecture Residents" are verified by a Certificate of Residence issued by the mayor of the relevant local government office.

Individuals subject to (Note) 1-② or who have moved within Okayama Prefecture after April 2, 2022 must contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU to submit additional documents.

3. When the Entrance fee is revised, the revised amount of Entrance fee shall be applied.

4. Entrance fees shall not be refunded except for ①, ②, or ③ described below. The amount of refund shall, if it is admitted to be refundable, be equivalent to the amount of the Entrance fee. Refund of the Entrance fee is made upon request from the person who paid the fee. Individuals who fall into any of the following cases and wish a refund must contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by Monday March 20, 2023 to complete the required procedures (Entrance Fee Payment Certificate is required). For Case ②, the Admissions Service Section, OPU will contact the relevant individual.

① Individuals who have paid the Entrance fee but did not submit the enrollment documents

② Individuals who have paid the Entrance fee but could not complete the enrollment procedures

③ Individuals who have mistakenly paid the wrong amount of Entrance fee

### (2) Tuition

① Amount (Yearly amount) **535,800 yen**

② Ways of payment Tuition will, after enrollment, be paid in two installments for the first semester and the second semester

③ Time for payment First semester; the end of July / Second semester; the end of November.

(Note) The tuition is basically paid by account transfer. Please follow the necessary steps at the time of enrollment. Tuition paid will not be refunded. When the tuition is revised, the revised amount of tuition shall be applied.

### (3) Supporter's Association Fee

① Amount 56,000 yen (20,000 yen for initial membership fee and 36,000 yen for membership fee for three years.

(Note) Graduates or prospective graduates from OPU undergraduate or graduate school are not necessary to pay initial membership fee.

② Ways of payment Please pay the above mentioned amount in a lump sum by bank transfer at the time when you pay entrance fee. Supporter's Association Fee is refundable when you decline the enrollment.

#### **(4) Alumni Association Fee**

- ①Amount 10,000 yen (Membership fee)  
(Note) Graduates or prospective graduates from OPU undergraduate or graduate school are not necessary to pay Alumni Association Fee.
- ②Ways of payment Please pay the above mentioned amount in a lump sum by bank transfer at the time when you pay entrance fee. The amount is refundable if enrollment is declined.

(Note) Bills for the supporter's association fee and alumni association fee will be sent with the letter of acceptance.

#### **8. Degree Fields appended on the Doctor's Diploma**

Those who completed the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science (Doctorate Course) shall be awarded a doctor's degree. The degree field appended on the doctor's diplomas are as follow.

Nursing Science Concentration	<b>"Nursing Science"</b>
Nutritional Science Concentration	<b>"Nutritional Science"</b>
Health and Welfare Science Concentration	<b>"Health and Welfare Science"</b>

#### **9. Subject Registration for Adult Students**

- (1) In order to add convenience for adult students to take doctorate courses, the students may, if admitted to be necessary, take research guidance not only in the daytime but also in the evening time (on Saturdays or Sundays, in summer holidays or winter holidays). [In cases where Special Programs for teaching (day/evening courses) provided by the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools (order of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 28, 1974), Article 14 is applied.] Even in this case, however, Nutritional Science Concentration gives lectures and seminars only in the daytime. Please make it sure to consult with your employer before applying. Those students who wish to have research guidance in the evening should consult with his/her supervisor in advance.
- (2) Based on the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools, Article 15, register extending system may be applied to working students or those who have difficulties in completing their program within a usual period.  
In order to become a long-term registration student, s/he must apply for the system beforehand and be approved by the graduate school. Once approved, s/he cannot extend the period of registration or cancel the system, or apply for exemption or postponement of tuition any longer. Therefore the student should consult with the supervisor prior to application for the system..

#### **10. Security Export Control**

Okayama Prefectural University performs the security export control based on "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" so that education and study contents to foreign students do not obstruct maintenance of international peace and the security.

International applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in said regulations may be unable to enter their desired course or program.

#### **11. Other Information**

- (1) Consultation and advice on scholarships and tuition exemptions are available following enrollment. Please contact the Student Support Team, Admission Service Section, OPU.
- (2) Personal information obtained through application procedure shall be handled in accordance with the Okayama Prefecture Personal Information Protection Ordinance (Okayama Prefecture

Ordinance No. 3, 2002) and used only in cases below:

- ① The personal information shall be used for selecting applicants (application process, screening), announcement of successful applicants, enrollment procedure, and auxiliary business. In addition, such personal information as exam performance shall be used to research and investigate for considering selecting method or improving university education. In such cases, we process the personal information not to identify the individual.
- ② After completion of enrollment procedure, the personal information shall be used for educational affairs (student registration, educational instruction), student support affairs (health care, tuition waiver, applying scholarship, student placement, etc.), and collecting tuition.
- ③ The personal information of successful applicant shall be used by the alumni and supporters' associations to provide information related to their official activities.
- ④ A part of the businesses mentioned above may be entrusted to outside business operator. In such cases, we will provide all or a part of the personal information to the party concerned at the extent necessary to perform businesses.

### **III Invitation from the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science (Doctorate Course), Okayama Prefectural University**

In a local society which is facing the development of low birthrate and an aging population as well as becoming complex and diversified, the urgent problem is to improve the health and welfare service infrastructure appropriate for such a society in order to realize a truly affluent society of greater welfare. Therefore, our university has been conducting more specialized education and research in the faculty of health and welfare science and the Master's Courses of the Graduate School based on the basic principle of "Defending Human Dignity and Enhancing Welfare" to cultivate individuals who can play a role as a driving force in the field of health and welfare science.

In addition to this, while aiming to construct an academic stronghold for further deepening of health and welfare science including maintenance and promotion of local citizens' health, it is also important to cultivate educators and researchers with high level views so as to be able to offer solutions to various problems concerning health and welfare. Therefore, this doctorate course provides education and research from multiple angles utilizing the specialties of each concentration, nursing science, nutritional science and health and welfare science.

#### **Composition of Concentrations & Content of Education and Research**

##### **【Nursing Science Concentration】**

Nursing specialized personnel must recognize variously and rapidly changing social circumstances and find a method aimed at maintenance and promotion of people's health as well as prevention and recovery from diseases. For this reason, they must clarify arising phenomena and actual care in light of the historical transition of the concept concerning health and nursing and through nursing practices. This concentration provides education and research to develop a nursing system and care practices and also to contribute to improve nursing quality which are corresponding to various problems of patients with chronic disease or cancer and their family members as well as care needs of elderly citizens.

##### **【Nutritional Science Concentration】**

As Japan has become an aging society, we need to solve various problems on food and health in order to keep people away from chronic disease including lifestyle disease and to maintain and promote our health. This concentration conducts education and research aiming to ascertain nutritional phenomenon accompanied by meal from life science approach and apply to prevent disease in each process from primary to tertiary prevention. Research field ranges over exploring new functional food component and pursuing food safety, investigating the role of metabolic control system including lipid metabolism in chronic disease, and investigating control system in central nervous system of nutrition as a life phenomenon.

##### **【Health and Welfare Science Concentration】**

In a society of low birthrate and an aging population, clarification of health and welfare-related problems from the viewpoint of social welfare and health science contributes to the improvement of the quality of human health and life. This concentration targets mainly on children, disabled people, disabled children and elderly people and conducts education and research concerning their independence. The research fields are about (1) a theoretical pursuit of children's sound growth and the concept of guaranteeing ability development as well as a review of methodology concerning childcare/development support including support for

disabled children; (2) a theoretical pursuit and a study of methodology concerning an evaluation method of physical, intellectual or mental disability and the associated independence support; and (3) a pursuit of relationship between physical and cognitive changes associated with aging as well as a review of methodology to promote maintenance and enhancement of health of the elderly.

### **Nursing Science Concentration**

Instructors	Name of Class	Lecture Content
MORIMOTO Michiko, Prof.	Advanced Fundamental Nursing Science I	This class seeks to identify issues regarding afferent and emerging infectious diseases, nosocomial infections, and nursing care for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases in a broad range of nursing care activity. In this class, students master the concept and characteristics of fundamental nursing science and nursing science for infection control. Furthermore, students identify effective methods of nursing care using advanced knowledge and findings. To gain a better understanding of the activities and management of nursing care for infectious diseases and infection control, students conduct experiments or surveys to seek research methods in the field of nursing science for infection control.
OGINO Tetsuya, Prof.	Advanced Fundamental Nursing Science II	Pressure load to the body is an important issue in various nursing practices such as tourniquet application for venipuncture or changing position to prevent pressure ulcers. Students will elucidate the pressure-induced changes in local, peripheral circulation and the associated responses of cells and tissues.
SASAKI Shinsuke, Associate Prof.	Advanced Fundamental Nursing Science III	Continuing development of new medical technologies is expected to establish new evidence-based observation methods and supporting technologies in the field of nursing science. This class focuses on the measurement and visualization of vital reactions associated with nursing care support to develop new nursing care support technologies and clarify the rationale for nursing care support.
NAGOSHI Megumi, Associate Prof	Advanced Adult Nursing Science I	As cancer treatment has evolved, cancer has come to be considered a chronic disease, and cancer care has entered the second stage. We explore and evaluate the support that may allow cancer survivors and families to restore, maintain or enhance quality of life.
SUMIYOSHI Kazuko, Prof.	Advanced Adult Nursing Science III	Chronic diseases are ranked high in mortality and morbidity. They are the by-products of lifestyle and the environment in today's complex and highly developed world. Chronic diseases tend to produce a wide range of ongoing discomfort to patients and their families, and this necessitates continuous and comprehensive support. In addition, because the increase of chronic disease patients may affect the entire society in areas such as rising medical care fees, it is necessary to pursue interdisciplinary approaches to address problems. This class considers support methods that enable patients and their families to control symptoms over the long term, adjust their lives to more effectively care for disease, and reestablish their lifestyles after gaining a broad understanding of such health issues.
MIKANE Sakae, Associate Prof	Advanced Gerontological Nursing Science	In reference to the trend of research on end-of-life care both in Japan and abroad, students will examine the practice and evaluation of holistic care along with the diversification in the state of the patients, their families, and medical care providers from the viewpoint of quantitative study.

Instructors	Name of Class	Lecture Content
OKAZAKI Yuka, Associate Prof.	Maternal Nursing Science Special Class I	Based on the characteristics of a women's life cycle, students will explore the health problems of women and their families from the viewpoint of reproductive health/rights. They will also examine nursing combination between homes and schools to encourage children's healthy growth and development.
MORINAGA Yumiko, Prof.	Advanced Community Health Nursing Science I	We explore health issues encountered in complex and diverse communities, groups, and individuals, as well as responses, new community care systems, and evaluation methods. Students acquire the ability to build theory in community nursing, formulate measures based on scientific evidence, make policy evaluations and make policy proposals, and explore the fusion of theory and practice.
INOUE Sachiko, Associate Prof.	Psychiatric Nursing Science Special Class	This class helps students to deeply consider necessary support for individuals with mental difficulties in a wide range of settings such as clinical care, community, schools, and corporations to enable independent decision making and fulfilling lives in their community.

Instructors	Name of Class	Lecture Content
MORIMOTO Michiko, Prof.	Thesis (Advanced Nursing Science)	Under the instructions of supervisors, students will research the most recent research trend relating to their research themes and the peripheral field. They will cultivate their skills of research planning and comprehensive evaluation including the ability to create new knowledge through participation at an academic conference and exchange with other organizations. Further, they will receive research instructions of theories and experience to create doctor's theses.
OGINO Tetsuya, Prof.		
SUMIYOSHI Kazuko, Prof.		
MORINAGA Yumiko, Prof.		
OKAZAKI Yuka, Associate Prof.		
MIKANE Sakae, Associate Prof.		
NAGOSHI Megumi, Associate Prof.		
INOUE Sachiko, Associate Prof.		
SASAKI Shinsuke, Associate Prof.		

**Nutritional Science Concentration**

Instructors	Name of Class	Lecture Content
IRIE Yasuyuki, Prof.	Internal Medicine Special Class	Recently, the close relationship between chronic kidney disease (CKD) and cardiovascular disease has been proved, and it has become focused on as the cardiorenal syndrome. The cardiorenal syndrome is greatly related to diabetes and the metabolic syndrome, and its relation is especially important in aging societies and is therefore attracting great interest in Japan. There are many cases associated with the cardiorenal syndrome, which have complications with diabetes, renal insufficiency, cardiac insufficiency, anemia, and aftereffect of cerebral stroke. Therefore, a profound understanding of the pathology and treatment is required for nutritional management. In this class, students will study pathophysiology of cardiorenal syndrome and understand the treatments for complications.
TANAKA Koichi, Prof.	Genetic Engineering Special Class	Recent advancements in molecular biology have produced gene recombination technology which controls the gene, a life drawing, to change an organism's functions as desired. This technology has become invaluable in producing useful substances and breeding useful organisms in the industrial field as well as for diagnosing and treatment in the medical field. In this class, the historical background, various technologies, and application of gene recombination will be introduced to students to deepen their understating of genetic engineering and expand their studies. Concerns on the application of gene recombination technology to agricultural and livestock industries will be discussed from various viewpoints including that of producers, consumers, and the global environmen
YAMAMOTO Toshiko, Prof.	Molecular Cell Bioscience	In this lecture, we learn molecular cell biology as an academic field combining molecular biology, biochemistry and cell biology to understand the various life phenomena. Furthermore the recent experimental techniques will be explained.
ITO Hideyuki, Prof.	Food Function Science	The program of food function science is designed to provide methodology of isolation, characterization, and evaluation of bioactive compounds from dietary foods and beverages. This course emphasizes how to explore bioactive polyphenols from dietary sources and how to investigate bioavailability of functional polyphenols.
TAKAHASHI Yoshitaka, Prof.	Molecular Pathophysiology on Lipid	Lipids are not only important for energy source. Essential fatty acids are converted to bioactive eicosanoids which play important pathophysiological roles in our body. The study on the enzymes producing these lipid mediators and the molecular analysis of their receptors are tried to be applied on the treatment of a variety of diseases including allergy, inflammation, ischemic heart or brain diseases, atherosclerosis, cancer, skin diseases and so on. The frontier of the study elucidating the relationship between synthetic pathways of these lipid mediators and the pathology of the above diseases will be discussed in the lecture.

Instructors	Name of Class	Lecture Content
YAMASHITA Hiromi, Prof.	Food and Nutritional Science	Foods contain bioactive minor ingredients besides major nutrients. Populations of obesity and who suffer from lifestyle-related diseases have been growing, therefore, functional food components are expected to prevent these diseases. This lecture will introduce the basic biological energy and lipid metabolisms, and advance to bioactive food components related to prevention of obesity and lifestyle-related diseases.
KAWAKAMI Takayo, Prof.	Current Nutritional Therapy	Alcoholic liver disease (ALD) is frequently observed in patients with a long history of excessive alcohol intake. Currently ALD are considered alcohol-associated lifestyle diseases and involve both genetic and environmental factors. This lecture will provide evidence of abnormal nutritional status and their lifestyle, pathology and current nutritional therapies of ALD.
KUBOTA Megumi, Prof.	Public Health Nutrition	As for the relationship between lifestyle diseases and environmental factors including genetic predispositions, students are given explanations on nutrition intervention for health promotion in a group by dealing with a subject of osteoporosis to discuss topics of relative fields and aim at an understanding of the current conditions and problems.
KAWAKAMI Yuki, Associate Prof.	Biofunctional Science	The importance of health function of food has come to be recognized from a viewpoint of preventing lifestyle diseases. This class provides explanation on the latest studies of biological regulation function indicated by foodborne functional molecules against disease state with a focus on lifestyle disease.
Gyu-Hee Lee, Part time  Ding-Zhi Fang,  Part time	East Asian Nutritional Science	Students will become familiar with applied microbiology in Korea and fermented food manufacturing based on the Korean concept of applied microbiology, and study dietary habits, genetic predispositions and lifestyle diseases in China to deepen their understanding of the differences in nutriology in Korea, China, and Japan. All lectures are in English.

Instructors	Name of Class	Lecture Content
<p>YAMAMOTO Toshiko, Prof.</p> <p>IRIE Yasuyuki, Prof.</p> <p>ITO Hideyuki, Prof.</p> <p>TAKAHASHI Yoshitaka, Prof.</p> <p>YAMASHITA Hiromi, Prof.</p> <p>KAWAKAMI Takayo, Prof.</p> <p>TANAKA Koichi, Prof.</p> <p>KAWAKAMI Yuki, Associate Prof.</p>	<p>Thesis (Advanced Nutritional Science)</p>	<p>Under the instructions of supervisors, students will research the most recent research trend relating to their research themes and the peripheral field. They will cultivate their skills of research planning and comprehensive evaluation including the ability to create new knowledge through participation at an academic conference and exchange with other organizations. Further, they will receive research instructions of theories and experience to create doctor's theses.</p>

### **Health and Welfare Science Concentration**

Instructors	Name of Class	Lecture Content
IWAMITSU Kenji, Prof.	Health and Welfare Political Science	The role of private sector in social welfare policy is increasing in recent years and the relationship between private sector and public sector becomes complicated accordingly. Particularly the public-private governance in decision making such as planning is developing. This lecture plans to arrange the variety of theories about the public-private partnership and to examine the present situation of social welfare policy from the viewpoints of public-private partnership.
KONDO Rie, Prof.	Family Welfare and Social Work Doctorial Seminar	There are new family problems in highly modernized society with advanced individualization and diversification of families. This lecture investigates, familio-sociologically, the current state of, and factors associated with, the problems of modern families and describes family policies necessary for solving family problems and how family social work should be from the international point of view.
NAKAMURA Hikaru, Prof.	Health and Welfare Science for the Aged I	This lecture provides understanding on the methodology for the assessment and intervention/support pertaining to the physical and movement disorder of the aged, including the adult with an age-associated disease, and to the life and mental problem arising from those disorder.
NAKAMURA Hikaru, Prof.	Health and Welfare Science for the Aged II	This lecture provides understanding on the methodology for the assessment and intervention/support pertaining to the cognitive and communicative disorder of the aged, including the adult with an age-associated disease, and to the life and mental problem arising from those disorder.
TAKATO Jinro, Prof.	Disabilities and Health Promotion I	For improving the quality of life of persons with impairments and disabilities, it is required first to measure and evaluate the degree of those from various aspects, as a clue for designing support programs. In the class, the physiological, psychological and physical theory and practices of the measurements are studied. The physiological, psychological and physical meaning of stimuli used for the measurement and the interpretation of the results are also lectured.
SAKANO Junko, Prof.	Disabilities and Health Promotion II	This class focuses on self-affirmation as a major psychological issue commonly seen in disabled children and adults, and discusses the process of their generation and factors promoting it. This class also provides an overview of the results of previous important studies to enable students to understand the individual issues of these persons, and examines previously rarely studied methodologies that support disabled persons to generate self-affirmation.

Instructors	Name of Class	Lecture Content
<p>RAKUGI Akiko, Associate Prof.</p>	Clinical Psychology	<p>This class deals with children who suffer from psychological trauma. Students will learn how these children were treated through the textbook Integrating Child-Centered Approaches in Children's Care Work written in English. The class will focus on children's issues from a global perspective and through the lens of social constructivism vs. logical positivism.</p>
<p>YAMAMOTO Takashi, Prof.</p> <p>TAKAHASHI Tamiko, Prof.</p> <p>NIIYAMA Junko, Associate Prof.</p>	Special Program for Clinical Care for Children I	<p>We, including children, suffer from much stress in modern society where things change so rapidly.</p> <p>This lecture focuses on the sense of coherence (SOC), the core concept of the salutogenesis model, and conducts research on the current state of, and factors contributing to the maintenance and promotion of, the mental health of children/students and their families, referring to trends in previous domestic and foreign research.</p>
<p>MURAKOSO Takashi, Prof.</p>	Health Related Social Services in Community I	<p>Today, Japanese social work, which is at a turning point, is characterized by integral and comprehensive consultation and assistance with the promotion of community welfare as its background. In addition, also internationally, social work that promotes the empowerment and liberation of people intervenes in life scenes in communities as points where people interact with their environments.</p> <p>This lecture reveals the theoretical properties of social work that provides consultation and assistance for life support on the basis of communities, through critical examination of major practice models.</p>
<p>TAKEMOTO Yoshihito, Prof.</p>	Health Related Social Services in Community II	<p>Students will conduct research on evaluation methods at the micro, meso, and macro levels, and methods of intervention for the analysis of factors that maintain, promote, or undermine the health of residents.</p>

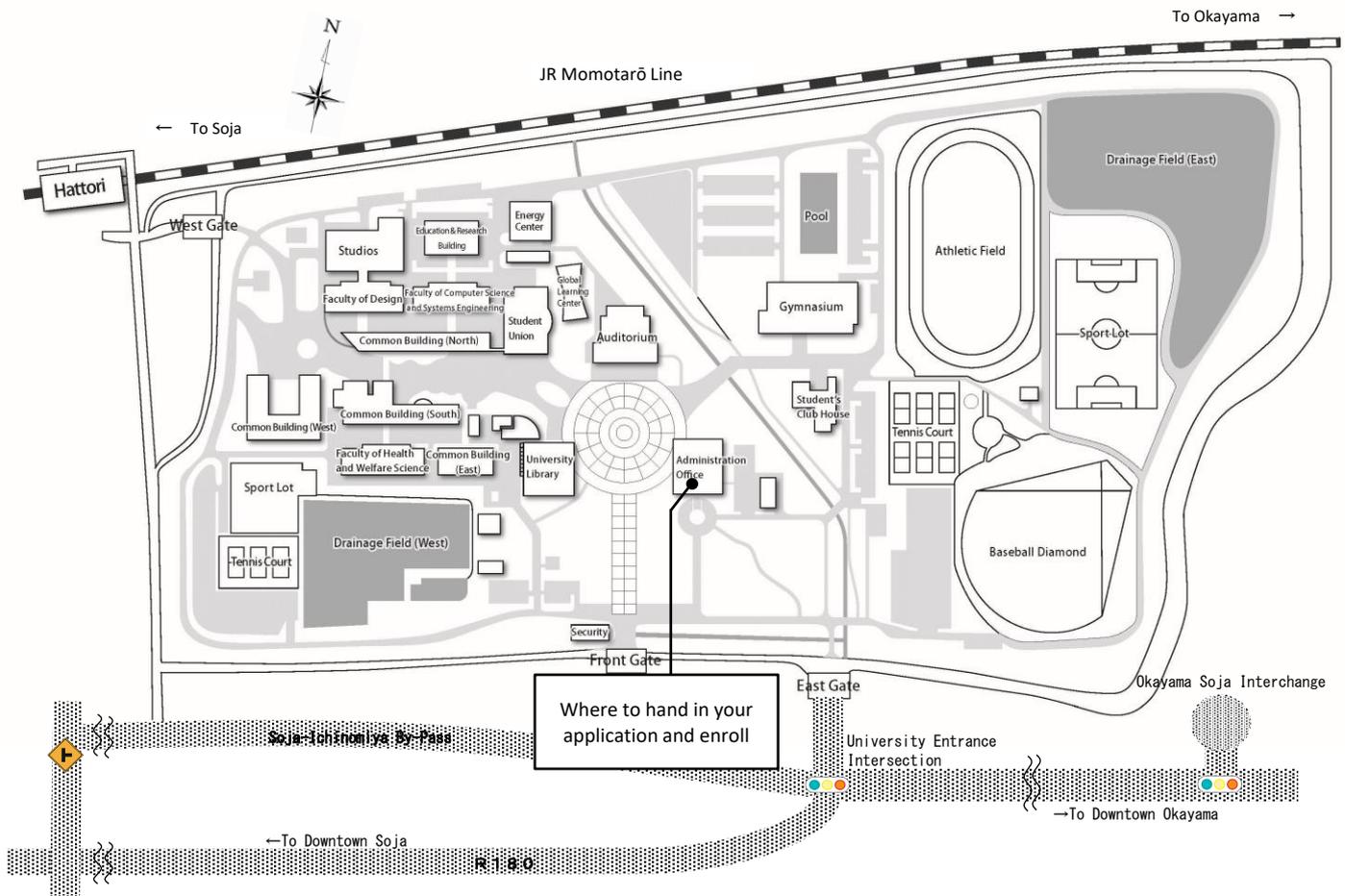
Instructors	Name of Class	Lecture Content
KONDO Rie, Prof.  IWAMITSU Kenji, Prof.	International Health and Welfare Science	<p>It is estimated that the aging society with fewer children will advance more than ever on a global scale in the 21st century. When taking another look at its influence from the international point of view, we find that various countries of the world have their own health and welfare problems based on differences in historical, economic and cultural backgrounds, and on the other hand, that these countries desire to develop appropriate high-level systems to resolve such problems.</p> <p>This lecture provides an overview of the world's current state of systems, particularly for preventing the declining birth rate and for aged care and attempts to model these systems, as well as attempts to take a view of how future health and welfare systems should be in the 21st century.</p>
KONDO Rie, Prof.  NAKAMURA Hikaru, Prof.  MURAKOSO Takashi, Prof.  YAMAMOTO Takashi, Prof.  SAKANO Junko, Prof.  TAKATO Jinro, Prof.  TAKEMOTO Yoshihito, Prof.  IWAMITSU Kenji, Prof.  RAKUGI Akiko, Associate Prof.	Thesis (Advanced Health and Welfare Science)	<p>Under the instructions of supervisors, students will research the most recent research trend relating to their research themes and the peripheral field. They will cultivate their skills of research planning and comprehensive evaluation including the ability to create new knowledge through participation at an academic conference and exchange with other organizations. Further, they will receive research instructions of theories and experience to create doctor's theses.</p>

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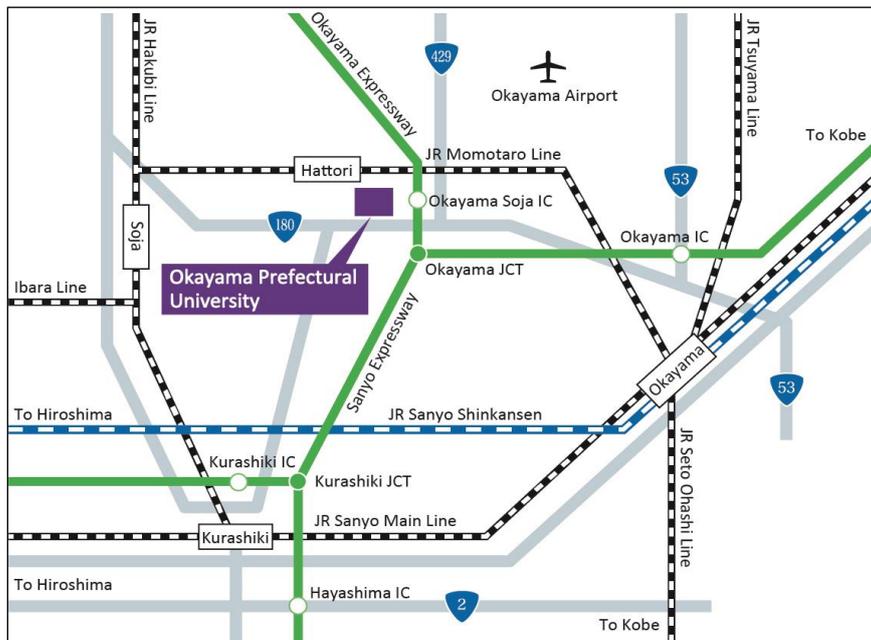
Classes and instructors may change without advanced notice.

## IV Map to Examination Venue Okayama Prefectural University

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### Examination Venue Guide



#### <Transport>

A 5 minute walk from JR Momotarō Line Hattori Station(takes approximately 30 minutes from JR Okayama Station and 8 minutes from JR Soja Station)

Approximately 2.5km from the Okayama Expressway, Okayama Soja Interchange.

Approximately 18km from the center of Okayama city (via Route180) and 12km from the center of Kurashiki city (via Route 429).

**Where to contact concerning application, entrance examination and other information**

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