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Guide to Osaka University of Human Sciences



Greetings

Osaka University of Human Sciences was established in 2001 under Kun-ei Gakuen which was founded in 1931. Kun-ei Gakuen is an institution for comprehensive education and consists of undergraduate and graduate schools, a combined girls' junior and senior high school, and a kindergarten. School spirit is expressed in the motto, "Respect, Trust and Love."

President Yasukazu TANAKA



Osaka University of Human Sciences is a college where students receive training in a wide range of human science fields. The fields of study are social welfare, long-term care, child care, education, psychology, medicine, and rehabilitation.

Point 1

New Department “Department of Physical Therapy” Founded April, 2016.

Until the end of March, 2016, students had the opportunities to become candidates to sit for the national examinations to become (1) certified social workers and psychiatric social workers, (2) certified care workers, (3) orthoptists, (4) kindergarten and nursery school teachers, and (5) speech-language and hearing therapists. As of April, 2016 a new department named “Department of Physical Therapy” was founded and students now have the opportunity to become physical therapists.

Point 2

Original Class “Seminar of Human Sciences”

In this class, professors change every two weeks. For example, in the first two weeks of this class, students are to learn from a professor whose specialty is physical therapy. In the next two weeks, they are to learn from a professor whose specialty is social work. They can get extensive knowledge in the field of human sciences.

Point 3

Our Original Educational System “Human Professional Program”

Our education system is called “Human Professional Program,” because our college supports students who wish to help other people in their everyday lives and at their workplaces.



Point 4

Emphasis on experience learning

Our college provides a lot of opportunities for experiences in the fields of human support such as volunteering, regional cooperation, and internship. Through the experiences, students are able to acquire skills to work in the fields of human support.



Department of Social Services



In this department, it is possible for students to acquire two national examination qualifications. They are able to take two national examinations to become certified social workers and/or psychiatric social workers. They are able to acquire the qualification to become school social workers. Students learn about training and knowledge which are required in the field of social human services. Students learn about training and exercises. In the future, they will be active in such fields as child welfare, welfare for the elderly, welfare for the challenged people, community welfare, medical welfare, mental health, and public assistance. As a result, they are able to acquire triple qualifications to become professional social workers.

Department of Health and Social Services

Major of Care Work



In this major, students will receive training to become certified care workers who are professionals in care for the elderly and challenged people. Certified care workers are at the center of care work. In order to become care professionals, they will gain the necessary skills and knowledge during their study. Moreover, they are provided with a complete education in the fields of care, welfare and medical care together with high quality practice training.

Major of Certified Orthoptists



This major is to train students to become orthoptists who are not only specialists in orthoptics but also professionals of general examinations in ophthalmic fields, who have mastered sufficient skills and acquired special knowledge covering the general area of vision sciences. Upon successful completion of the program, students can apply for taking the National License Examination for Certified Orthoptists (COs).

Department of Early Childhood Care and Education



In this department, students are trained through a specialized curriculum, to acquire the skills necessary for careers as kindergarten and nursery school teachers. They cultivate the “skill” of interacting with children attending the kindergarten affiliated with this college and parents in the surrounding community. Part of their practical training requires them to be placed at a kindergarten, or a nursery school, or a related child-care facility. They can obtain the license of children's social workers while learning the professionalism of early childhood education and care.

Department of Health Psychology



In this department, students are to study health psychology. This field of psychology is aimed at promoting health, by using psychological principles and techniques. In 2015, the bill for the new national license of psychology tentatively named “Certified Public Psychologist” has been enacted. With this license, they can become psychology specialists and work in one of the fields such as medical care, social welfare, and education. Also, in this department, a graduate is able to be a teacher at a junior and/or senior high school or can work at a school for students with special needs.

Department of Medical Psychology

Major of Human Development Psychology



In this major, students are trained to become clinical development psychology experts with the fundamental knowledge of the medical field. This major offers a variety of methods to understand problems dealing with the stages of human development, based on professional techniques of medical science and psychology, such as clinical counseling and therapy. Additionally, they can study with the aim to enter a graduate school to obtain a national qualification.

Major of Speech Language and Hearing Therapy



In this major, students are trained to become speech language and hearing therapists. The therapists enforce linguistic rehabilitation for people with various communication disorders. Some of those who have communication-challenged people are children. This major's curriculum prepares students to become employed in medical care, welfare, health, psychology and rehabilitation. The faculty in this major have extensive clinical experience. Classes in this major are made up of a small number of students and the learning environment is very fulfilling. Students will acquire professional knowledge and skills.

Department of Physical Therapy



Physical therapy focuses on rehabilitation. In this department, students can deeply study social welfare, psychology, and language audiology. They are able to become candidates for the national examination for physical therapists and to acquire an athletic trainer license. They are able to study sports disorders, sports science and sports training methods. In this academic system, they are able to prepare to become physical therapists who have acquired specific knowledge and techniques to support athletes.

Faculty of Human Sciences

The curriculum has been constructed from a wide range of disciplines, such as social welfare, psychology, medicine, rehabilitation, childcare, and education. Multi-faceted approaches to the well-being of human beings are provided for students. They will be trained to be professionals in the field of human services.