

Diploma Policy of the Graduate School of Health Sciences

Master's Program

Degree: Master of Science

Kobe University's Graduate School of Health Sciences, aims to achieve the following with its Master of Science qualification: To provide education that meets the highest international standards for healthcare and health sciences, focusing on clinical practice and research competency, thereby developing specialists who have high ethical standards and well-grounded scientific perspectives who can contribute to the health and happiness of humankind.

In order to achieve these objectives, the Graduate School of Health Sciences will award master's degrees in accordance with the policies below.

Department of Nursing

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, the Department of Nursing in the Graduate School of Health Sciences will award master's degrees to students in accordance with the two policies indicated below.

- Students shall study at the Department of Nursing of the Graduate School of Health Sciences for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, and pass the reviews and examinations prescribed by the graduate school.
- In addition to the abilities specified in the Kobe University Diploma Policy, prior to graduation or completion students of the Graduate School of Health Sciences shall acquire the following capabilities through individual programs of study under the basic philosophy of "total health care" advocated by our graduate school.

"Humanity"

The ability to take actions to protect people's health as well-educated, independent nursing professionals possessing high ethical standards and a good balance of intellect, reason, and emotion.

"Creativity"

Students shall diligently learn traditional ideas and methods from a critical perspective and will be able to independently discover and creatively solve new issues within them.

An awareness of issues combined with the ability to develop nursing practices to improve clinical sites.

"International Awareness"

The ability to demonstrate excellent communication skills with respect to diverse values and to deepen understanding of other cultures.

The ability to propagate universally valued knowledge and skills and apply them to specific circumstances in the most appropriate manner.

The ability to assume a leadership role in the international community as a core figure in the nursing science field.

“Specialization”

In-depth knowledge and advanced practical skills built upon evidence-based nursing.

The ability to analyze problems multi-laterally and resolve them as a specialist.

The ability to work cooperatively beyond their specialization as a member of a healthcare team.

Deep knowledge and outstanding professional skills that can be utilized to expand the role of nursing.

Department of Biophysics

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, The Department of Biophysics of the Graduate School of Health Sciences awards the degree of Master of Science as follows.

- Students shall study at the Department of Biophysics of the Graduate School of Health Sciences for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, and pass the reviews and examinations prescribed by the graduate school.
- Prior to completion, students of the master’s course of Department of Biophysics shall acquire the following capabilities in addition to the abilities set out in the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

“Humanity”

Students shall acquire a rich education, high ethical standards and a good balance of intellect, reason and emotion, as well as the ability to take actions to protect human health as independent medical professionals.

“Creativity”

Students shall diligently learn traditional ideas and methods from a critical perspective and will be able to independently discover and creatively solve new issues within them.

“International Awareness”

Students shall respect diverse values, strive for a deeper understanding of other cultures, and demonstrate superior communication skills. Students shall acquire the ability to independently create universal knowledge and techniques and to apply them to each regional situation in the most appropriate manner.

“Specialization”

Students shall acquire wide-ranging knowledge and advanced expertise in each professional and academic field.

In addition, students shall acquire the ability to work cooperatively beyond their specialization as a member of a medical, healthcare or welfare team.

Department of Rehabilitation Science

The Department of Rehabilitation Science of the Graduate School of Health Sciences awards Master of Science degrees as follows, based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

- Students shall study at the Department of Rehabilitation Science of the Graduate School of Health Sciences for the specified period of time, obtain the credits required for completion, and pass the reviews and examinations prescribed by the graduate school.
- Prior to completion, students of the Graduate School of Health shall acquire the following capabilities in addition the abilities set out in the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

“Humanity”

Students shall acquire an in-depth education, high ethical standards and a good balance of intellect, reason and emotion, as well as the ability to take actions to protect human health as independent medical professionals.

“Creativity”

Students shall diligently learn traditional ideas and methods from a critical perspective and will be able to independently discover and creatively solve new issues within them.

“International Awareness”

Students shall respect diverse values, strive for a deeper understanding of other cultures, and demonstrate superior communication skills. Students shall acquire the ability to independently create universal knowledge and techniques and to apply them to each regional situation in the most appropriate manner.

“Specialization”

Students shall acquire wide-ranging knowledge and advanced expertise in the rehabilitation field. In addition, students shall acquire the ability to work cooperatively beyond their specialization as a member of a medical, healthcare or welfare team.

Department of Public Health

The Department of Public Health of the Graduate School of Health Sciences awards the degree of Master of Science as follows, based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

- Students shall study at the Department of Public Health of the Graduate School of Health Sciences for the specified period of time, obtain the required credits for completion, and pass the reviews and examinations prescribed by the graduate school.

- Prior to completion, students of the Department of Public Health shall acquire the following capabilities in addition the abilities set out in the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

“Humanity”

- The ability to work independently as a well-educated healthcare specialist with high ethical standards.
- The ability to utilize their broad education and comprehensive judgement to solve health issues both locally and internationally, in cooperation with people with different specializations.
- The necessary skills for communicating the ideals and managing the actualization of public health activities.

“Creativity”

- The ability to creatively solve health problems in local healthcare, medical, and welfare fields.
- The ability to develop new community-based healthcare systems and design healthcare procedures based on scientific evidence.
- The ability to utilize their foundations in specialists’ knowledge and techniques to identify problems in the international health field and flexibly tackle them.

“International Awareness”

- The ability to accept a variety of cultures, and understand interdisciplinary and global issues.
- An international perspective which enables the students to understand how health standards vary worldwide and to illuminate the factors behind this.
- The ability to actively tackle international issues, and to participate in collaborative research and projects.

“Specialization”

- The ability to develop community health and international health practices based on scientific thought and ethics.
- The ability to conduct research activities by utilizing the high level of academic knowledge, techniques and applied skills required for community health and international health practices.

Doctoral Program

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

The Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kobe University aims to achieve the following with its Doctor of Philosophy qualification: To provide education that meets the highest international

standards for healthcare and health sciences, focusing on advanced analytical abilities and research competencies, thereby developing creative and independent professionals who possess high ethical standards and well-grounded scientific perspectives who can contribute to the health and happiness of humankind.

In order to achieve these objectives, the Graduate School of Health Sciences will award doctoral degrees accordance with the policies below.

Department of Nursing

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, the Department of Nursing of the Graduate School of Health Sciences will award doctoral degrees to students in accordance with the two policies indicated below.

- Students shall study at the Graduate School of Health Sciences for the designated period, obtain the required credits for graduation or completion, and pass the examinations prescribed by the graduate school.
- In addition to the abilities specified in the Kobe University Diploma Policy, prior to graduation or completion students of the Graduate School of Health Sciences shall acquire the following capabilities through individual programs of study under the basic philosophy of “total health care” advocated by our graduate school.

“Humanity”

The ability to act to protect the health of people as well-educated, independent nursing professionals equipped with high ethical standards and a good balance of intellect, reason, and emotion.

“Creativity”

The ability to develop the academic foundation of nursing science by cultivating innovation backed up by deep knowledge and skills in nursing science, and based upon global standards.

The ability to collaborate with multiple health professionals, to participate in policy processes, and to bring about the development and transformation of the comprehensive health care system.

“International Awareness”

Students shall respect diverse values, strive for a deeper understanding of other cultures, and be able to demonstrate superior communication skills.

The ability to create knowledge and skills that have universal value and apply them appropriately to the respective environments.

The ability to assume a leadership role in the international community as a core figure in the nursing science field.

“Specialization”

The ability to take on a leadership role and work cooperatively with healthcare teams beyond their specialization

Deep knowledge and outstanding professional skills that can be adapted to the expanding role of nursing.

The ability to conduct pioneering research to produce cutting-edge evidence.

The ability to lead the nursing field and educate the next generation of nursing professionals.

Department of Biophysics

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, Department of Biophysics of the Graduate School of Health Sciences awards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in accordance with the following policies.

- Students shall study at the Department of Biophysics of the Graduate School of Health Sciences for the designated period, obtain the required credits for completion, and pass the examinations prescribed by the graduate school.
- Prior to completion, students of the doctoral course of the Department of Biophysics shall acquire the following capabilities in addition the abilities set out in the Kobe University Diploma Policy..

“Humanity”

Students shall acquire an in-depth education, high ethical standards and a good balance of intellect, reason and emotion, as well as the ability to take actions to protect human health as independent medical professionals.

“Creativity”

Students shall diligently learn traditional ideas and methods, and acquire the skills to inherit such knowledge. They will also be able to critically examine these ideas and methods, and be able to independently identify and solve problems within them.

“International Awareness”

Students shall respect diverse values, strive for a deeper understanding of other cultures, and be able to demonstrate superior communication skills. Students shall acquire the ability to create universal knowledge and technologies by themselves and to apply them to each regional situation in the most appropriate manner.

“Specialization”

Students shall acquire wide-ranging knowledge and advanced expertise in each professional and academic field. In addition, students shall acquire the ability to work cooperatively beyond their specialization as a member of a medical, healthcare or welfare team.

Department of Rehabilitation Science

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, the Department of Rehabilitation Science of the Graduate School of Health Sciences awards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in accordance with the following policies.

- Students shall study at the Department of Rehabilitation Science of the Graduate School of Health Sciences for the specified period of time, earn the required credits for completion, and pass the reviews and examinations prescribed by the graduate school.
- Prior to completion, students of the Graduate School of Health shall acquire the following capabilities in addition the abilities set out in the Kobe University Diploma Policy.

“Humanity”

Students shall acquire an in-depth education, high ethical standards and a good balance of intellect, reason and emotion, as well as the ability to take actions to protect human health as independent medical professionals.

“Creativity”

Students shall diligently learn traditional ideas and methods, and acquire the skills to inherit such knowledge. They will also be able to critically examine these ideas and methods, and be able to independently identify and solve problems within them.

“International Awareness”

Students shall respect diverse values, strive for a deeper understanding of other cultures, and demonstrate superior communication skills. Students shall acquire the ability to create universal knowledge and techniques by themselves and to apply them to each regional situation in the most appropriate manner.

“Specialization”

Students shall acquire wide-ranging knowledge and advanced expertise and shall continue to learn new skills (i.e., analysis, problem-solving, and research capabilities), which will enable them to play leadership roles in the rehabilitation field. In addition, students shall acquire the ability to develop and realize a new comprehensive healthcare system supported by the pillars of research, education, and community health.

Department of Public Health

Based on the Kobe University Diploma Policy, the Department of Public Health of the Graduate School of Health Sciences awards the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in accordance with the following policy.

- Students shall study at Department of Public Health of the Graduate School of Health Sciences for the specified period of time, earn the required credits for completion, and pass the reviews and examinations prescribed by the graduate school.

- Prior to completion, students of the Graduate School of Health shall acquire the following capabilities in addition the abilities set out in the Kobe University Diploma Policy..

“Humanity”

- The ability to apply their logical thinking and objective judgement to solving health problems in communities by cooperating with people who possess different specializations and values.
- The ability to lead others as a healthcare specialist with an in-depth education and high ethical standards.
- The necessary skills for communicating the ideals and managing the actualization of public health activities.

“Creativity”

- The ability to identify potential health issues in a community and solve them creatively.
- The ability to develop a new comprehensive healthcare system supported by the pillars of research, education, and community health.
- The ability to use their specialized knowledge and techniques to identify and flexibly tackle problems in the international health field .

“International Awareness”

- The ability to accept diverse cultures, ideas, and values, and understand interdisciplinary and global issues.
- An international perspective which enables the student to understand how health standards vary worldwide and to illuminate the factors behind this.
- The ability to actively tackle global issues, and facilitate collaborative research and projects.

“Specialization”

- The ability to develop community health and international health practices of outstanding quality based on scientific thought and high ethical standards.
- The ability to promote interdisciplinary research and contribute towards the establishment and development of an academic framework for community health and international health sciences.
- The ability to analyze community health and international health issues scientifically and logically, and disseminate this information to society.