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**Master's Course
Graduate School of Health Sciences,
Kumamoto University**

3rd Term Application Guidelines

General Entrance Examination
International Student Entrance Examination



Kumamoto University

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1. Basic Philosophy & Aims and Admission Policy

The basic philosophy of the Master's Course of the Graduate School of Health Sciences is to establish an academic system of health sciences through comprehensive and cutting-edge education and research in the fields of health, medicine, and welfare, and to contribute to the development of the health and welfare of the people by giving back to society the results of such research. Its departments also aim to foster highly specialized professionals and educators/researchers who possess a rich humanity based on a high ethical standard centered on human dignity, advanced professional knowledge, and the ability to exercise leadership in the field of medicine.

In light of the above, the Master's Course seeks individuals:

- ① who have enthusiasm to contribute to the health needs of the nation.
- ② who have the basic academic abilities to receive education in health sciences.
- ③ who have a strong desire to pursue health studies and be proactive in their studies and self-development.
- ④ who aim to become practical leaders (advanced professionals) or educators/researchers in the field of health, medical care, and welfare.
- ⑤ who are willing to contribute to the local community in the areas of their expertise as well as to think and play active roles from a global perspective.

2. Number of Students to be Admitted

Major	Course	Degree	Number of students to be admitted
Health Sciences	Nursing	Master degree (Nursing)	2
	Radiological Sciences	Master degree (Health Sciences)	
	Medical Laboratory Sciences		
	Genetic Counseling		

3. Obtainable Qualifications

Nursing Course

- (1) If students fulfill the necessary requirements, they may become public health nurses, midwives, or teachers in nurse training schools.
- (2) In accordance with the accreditation of the program for the Senior High School Teacher's License (Nursing) based on the Education Personnel License Law, those who have obtained a Class 1 License (Nursing) can obtain a Senior High School Teacher's License (Nursing) if they acquire the necessary credits.

Radiological Sciences Course

Students will be eligible to take the Medical Physicist Certification Examination.

Genetic Counseling

If students fulfill the necessary requirements, they will be eligible to take the Certified Genetic Counselor Certification Examination.

4. Eligibility for Application

General Entrance Examination

Applicants are those who fit into any of the following cases:

- (1) Persons who have graduated from a university or who are expected to graduate from a university by March 2026.
- (2) Persons who have received a bachelor's degree, or who are expected to receive a bachelor's degree by March 2026.
- (3) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education in a foreign country, or who are expected to complete the said school education by March 2026.
- (4) Persons who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, 16 years of school education of a foreign country by completing a correspondence course conducted by a school in the said country while residing in Japan.
- (5) Persons who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, a foreign university's course of study at an educational institution in Japan that is positioned in the school education system of a foreign country as having a university course whose graduates are recognized as having completed 16 years of school education in the relevant foreign country, and that is designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan as having such a course.
- (6) Persons who have received a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing a 3-year or longer course of study at a university or other school^{*1} in a foreign country^{*2}, or who are expected to receive the said degree by March 2026.

^{*1} These schools are limited to those that have been evaluated by a person accredited by the government or a relevant organization of the foreign country with regard to the overall status of their education and research activities, etc., or those that are designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan as having been equivalently evaluated.

^{*2} Including completion of a course of study in Japan by taking a correspondence course offered by a school in a foreign country and completion of a course of study at an educational institution designated in the school education system of a foreign country as set forth in the preceding item.

- (7) Persons who have completed, after the date specified by the Minister of Education, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, a special training course of a vocational school (limited to those that meet the criteria specified by the said Minister, including the study term of four years or longer) designated separately by the Minister, or who are expected to complete the said special training course by March 2026.
- (8) Persons who have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (Under Notification No. 5 of the Ministry of Education, 1953).
- (9) Persons who have been enrolled in other graduate schools and have been approved as having sufficient scholastic ability to receive graduate school education in the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kumamoto University (in accordance with the stipulation in Article 102, paragraph 2 of the School Education Law).
- (10) Persons who are recognized by the Graduate School of Health Sciences as having scholastic ability equivalent or superior to that of a university graduate as a result of individual screening of the Eligibility for Application, and will reach 22 years of age by March 2026. [See Note 1 and Note 2 below.]
- (11) Persons who have been enrolled in a university for at least three years and who are recognized as having earned credits designated by Kumamoto University with excellent grades. [See Note 1 below.]
- (12) Persons who have completed 15 years of school education in a foreign country, or while residing in Japan by studying through correspondence courses conducted by the said country, and are recognized as having earned credits designated by Kumamoto University with excellent grades. [See Note 1 below.]

International Student Entrance Examination

Applicants are those who do not have Japanese nationality and meet any of the eligibility categories (1) to (12) for General Entrance Examination above.

Note 1: Both for General Entrance Examination and International Student Entrance Examination, applicants with one of the eligibility categories (9) to (12) above will need a screening of the eligibility for application. Please see “5. Screening of Eligibility for Application” on page 3 for details and apply for the screening in advance.

Note 2: Applicants with the eligibility category (10) above are graduates of junior colleges, technical colleges, vocational schools and other schools, as well as graduates of Japanese branches of foreign universities, schools for foreign nationals, and other educational institutions, who do not have a university diploma, but who are recognized by the Graduate School of Health

Sciences as having scholastic ability equivalent or superior to a university graduate as a result of individual screening of their abilities. The criteria for the academic record and research/working period (years of experience) are indicated in the table on page 3,4.

5. Screening of Eligibility for Application

(1) Period of submission of the application documents

Applicants with one of the Eligibility for Application categories (9) to (12) above will be screened for their eligibility for application in advance. Please submit the documents listed in (3) below.

Period of submission: from January 13 (Tue) to January 16 (Fri), 2026.

If mailing the documents, send a set of the documents enclosed in an envelope by registered express mail with the words, “3rd Term Application Documents for Screening of Eligibility for Application to Master’s Course, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kumamoto University enclosed” clearly written in red on the front of the envelope.

(2) Where to submit/mail the application documents

Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kumamoto University
4-24-1 Kuhonji, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, JAPAN
Postal code: 862-0976
E-mail: skh-kyomu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

(3) Application documents for Screening of Eligibility for Application

Application Form for Screening of Eligibility for Application	[Designated form] Enter your academic record from high school graduation.
Certificates of Academic Record from your most recent educational institution	Graduation (Completion) Certificate and Certificate of Academic Record (Applicants who have graduated from/completed a junior college or a major course of a technical college should submit their graduation (completion) certificate and a certificate of their academic records from these colleges.)
Materials regarding your most recent educational institution	Documents or certificates showing the educational institution’s eligibility for admission, graduation (completion) requirements, and years required for graduation (completion)
Certificate of Employment	Any format is acceptable.
Return-mail envelope for screening result notification	[For applicants who reside in Japan] A standard-size envelope (23.5 cm × 12 cm) with the applicant’s postal code, address and name clearly written on it, with a 410-yen stamp affixed [For applicants from abroad] An envelope and invoice for express mail with the applicant’s postal code, address and name clearly written on it

(4) Screening of Eligibility for Application

The screening of eligibility for application will be based on the number of years applicants have been enrolled in universities or other educational institutions, the number of credits earned, and so on stated in the application documents.

(5) Result of Screening of Eligibility for Application

The result of the screening will be mailed to the applicant. Applicants who have passed the screening should immediately prepare the documents required for the application for the entrance examination as stipulated in “11. Application Materials to Submit” on page 6 and submit them within the application period.

(6) The criteria regarding academic record, research/working period (years of experience), etc. for the screening of the Eligibility for Application category (10) are as follows:

Academic record of your most recent educational institution	Research/working period (years of experience) after the most recent academic record
① Graduates of a junior college that requires two years for graduation	At least two years
② Graduates of a junior college that requires three years for graduation	At least one year
③ Graduates of a technical college	At least two years

④ Graduates of a special training course of a vocational school that requires two or more years for graduation	The period calculated by deducting the years required for graduation from the vocational school with a special training course, from the years required for graduation from a university (four years), or longer
⑤ Persons who have graduated from or completed a Japanese branch of a foreign university, a school for foreign nationals, a vocational school (excluding its special training course), and other schools, as well as other educational institutions in Japan and overseas	The period calculated by deducting the minimum years of education required until the graduation from/completion of the most recent educational institution, from the minimum years of education required until graduation from a university (16 years), or longer
⑥ Dropouts of the educational institutions described in ① to ⑤ above	The period calculated by deducting the years of education until the dropout from the relevant educational institution, from the minimum years of education required until graduation from a university (16 years), or longer

Note: The research/working period (years of experience) refers to the combined total periods below.

- Period of enrollment in a university or a college as a research student
- Period of enrollment in a major course of a junior college or a technical college
- Period of employment as an educator/researcher in an educational/research department of a university, junior college, government/municipal agency, research institute, company, etc.
- Period of engaging in healthcare work (as a nurse, midwife, public health nurse, medical radiology technician, clinical technologist, etc.)
- Period of being in a situation similar to (a) to (d) above

6. Screening Method

- Applicants will be screened based on a comprehensive assessment of their written examination, oral examination, and application documents.
- Date/time, subjects, and venue of scholastic ability examinations

Date	Time	Subjects	Details	Venue
March 7 (Sat), 2026	10:20 - 11:50	Written examination	Basic questions on expertise in the field of the applicant's choice (including English)	Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kumamoto University (4-24-1 Kuhonji, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City)
	From 13:30	Oral examination	Oral examination on expertise in the field of the applicants' choice as well as on his/her future research in the Master's Course	

Depending on the number of examinees, the examination start time may be changed. Meeting time will be announced when the examination voucher is sent.

Important Notes

- On the day of the examination, examinees must arrive at the venue (Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kumamoto University) at least 30 minutes before the start of the examination.
- Only the use of a book-type English-Japanese dictionary is permitted in the written examination. Any electronic devices functioning as a dictionary are not permitted.
- Latecomers for the examination due to unavoidable circumstances will be allowed to take the examination only if it is within 30 minutes from the start of the examination.
- Examinees are not allowed to leave the examination room before the examination ends.
- The results of any examinee who has committed a dishonest act during examination will be invalid. Once the act is discovered, he/she is not allowed to continue to take the examination any longer.

The following items must not be used during the examination.

- Rulers (including pencils, etc. with ruler functions), compasses, calculators, abacuses, graph paper, and other aids.
- Mobile phones, smart phones, wearable devices (e.g., smart watches and smart glasses), tablets, electronic dictionaries, IC recorders, earphones, music players, and other electronic devices.

Wearing or holding these aids or electronic devices instead of keeping them in a bag or the like may constitute cheating. Earphones are considered to be in use if they are worn in the ear.

*If an examinee wishes to use a hearing aid or other assistive device due to illness, injury, disability, etc. during the examination, he/she must apply for such use in advance.

Examinees must turn off their mobile phones. Possessing or holding these devices during the examination may be considered cheating.

Disruptive behavior or failure to follow the instructions of the exam supervisor may constitute cheating.

Any other behavior that undermines the fairness of the examination may constitute cheating.

- ⑥ Only the following items are permitted to be placed on the desk: The Admission Ticket, an English-Japanese dictionary, (permitted) writing utensils, watches, erasers and pencil sharpeners.

7. Point Allocation

Subjects	Points
Written examination	100
Oral examination	100
Total	200

8. Pass/fail Criteria

- (1) Successful applicants will be selected in the order of highest total score.
- (2) In the case of a tie, the priority will be given to the applicants with the higher score in the oral examination.
- (3) Applicants who score less than 60% on either the written or oral examination will fail.

9. Prior Consultation with Prospective Research Supervisors

Those who wish to apply for the entrance examination must have a prior consultation, regarding their future master's research, with the faculty member from whom they wish to receive academic guidance. Please see "Full-time Supervisors and Research Themes" for the faculty members. For prior consultation, please contact the faculty member by e-mail.

If working adult applicants wish to apply for the special arrangements for school hours, they should ask about the matter at the time of prior consultation.

Period of Prior Consultation: **January 5 (Mon) to January 9 (Fri), 2026**

10. Application Period

February 3 (Tue) to February 6 (Fri), 2026 (No later than 5 p.m. JST)

Only documents postmarked on or before February 4 (two days before the deadline) will be accepted if arrived after the application period.

Please send a set of your application documents enclosed in an envelope **by express registered mail** with the words, "**3rd Term Application documents for Entrance Examination for Master's Course, Graduate School of Health Sciences enclosed**" clearly written **in red** on the front of the envelope. The application documents will not be accepted if brought directly to us. Be sure to send them by mail.

Where to submit application documents:

Admission Division, Student Affairs Department, Kumamoto University
2-40-1 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, JAPAN
Postal code: 860-8555

11. Application Materials to Submit

1	Admission Application Card	[Designated form] Refer to “How to Fill out the Admission Application Card”.
2	Photo Card, Admission Ticket, Address Card	[Designated form] Attach a photo (4 cm × 3 cm) of frontal portrait with no hat taken within three months before application on the “Photo Card” and “Admission Ticket” for each.
3	Academic Transcript	The transcript must be an original, issued in the name of the president (dean) or principal of the university (department) or any other educational institution from which the applicant graduated, and strictly sealed.
4	Certificate of (expected) Graduation	The certificate must be an original, issued in the name of the president (dean) or principal of the university (department) or any other educational institution from which the applicant graduated (is expected to graduate).
5	Certificate of (expected) bachelor's degree	For applicants who meet the Eligibility of Application category (6) The certificate must be an original, issued by the head of the university/school. The applicant also needs to submit a certificate of the result of the evaluation of the university/school ^(*) , of which the applicant has received (is expected to receive) the degree, issued by the evaluation organization or the head of the university/school. This certificate must also be an original.
6	Reason for Application & Desired Research Form	[Designated form] Describe the reason for application and desired research details. <u>Be sure to submit the form with a signature of your supervisor.</u>
7	Examination fee (Sheet for examination fee payment certificate)	Please refer to page 6 (12. How to Pay the Entrance Examination Fee).
8	Return-mail envelope for Admission Ticket	[For applicants who reside in Japan] A standard-size envelope (23.5 cm × 12 cm) with your postal code, address and name clearly written on it, with a 410-yen stamp affixed. [For applicants from abroad] An envelope and invoice for express mail with your postal code, address and name clearly written on it.
9	Copy of Certificate of Residence or Residence Card	[For non-Japanese applicants who reside in Japan] - Submit a copy of your Certificate of Residence or residence card. - Certificates of Residence for family members are not required. [For non-Japanese applicants who do not reside in Japan at the time of application] - Submit a copy of your passport.

(*)Evaluation for the certification of overall status of education and research activities conducted by the government or related organizations (examples below) for universities and other educational institutions.

- United Kingdom: The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)
- The Netherlands: The Accreditation Organization of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO)
- Finland: Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council (FINHEEC)
- Korea: Korean Council for University Education (KCUE)
- China: Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education (HEEC)

If applicants cannot submit a certificate of evaluation for the universities/schools by any of the organization above, they must apply with eligibility of application category other than (6). In that case, applicants may need a screening for application eligibility.

Important Notes

1. Applicants with the Eligibility for Application category (2) should submit a certificate of bachelor's degree conferment or a certificate of acceptance of bachelor's degree conferment application issued by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education.
2. **Application documents (except for “Reason for Application & Desired Research Form”) written in English must be submitted along with their Japanese translations.**
3. If your current name and your name on the certificates are different due to a change of your family name or other reason, please submit an extract from your family register along with the certificates.
4. If you make any false statement in your applications, your admission may be revoked.

12. How to Pay the Entrance Examination Fee

- (1) Examination fee: 30,000 yen
- (2) Payment period: **February 3 (Tue) to February 6 (Fri), 2026**
- (3) Where to pay: At the reception counter of a post office or bank
Bank transfer fees shall be borne by the applicant.

Do not use an ATM (automated-teller machine) for the payment. Be sure to pay at the reception counter of a post office or bank.

(4) How to pay

①[For applicants who reside in Japan]

Please pay the examination fee at the reception counter of a post office or bank after filling out the examination fee payment form. Do not use an ATM (automated-teller machine) for the payment.

After the payment, be sure to attach the “Certificate of Payment” issued at the reception counter to the “Sheet for Examination Fee Payment Certificate” and submit the Sheet.

②[For applicants from abroad]

Please contact the Finance Affairs Division (zak-syunyu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp) by email before payment.

Bank transfer fees shall be borne by the applicant.

(5) Important notes regarding application

① Application will not be accepted, if the examination fee has not been paid, or if the “Certificate of Payment” is not attached to the designated place of the “Sheet for Examination Fee Payment Certificate.”

② Once the application documents are received, the examination fee will not be refunded except for the following cases:

1) The applicant has paid the examination fee, but the application has not been made (either the application documents have not been submitted or they have not been accepted by the university), or

2) The applicant has paid the examination fee more than once by mistake.

③ Bank transfer fees for refunding shall be borne by the applicant.

How to request for a refund of the examination fee

Prepare a “Request for a refund of the examination fee” (any format is acceptable), which clearly shows the reason for the request, applicant’s name (with name seal on the right of applicant’s name), name of Graduate School the applicant has applied for, applicant’s current address, postal code, contact phone number, name of the bank to be used for transfer, branch name, account number of an ordinary deposit and accountholder’s name (with the name in English). If the applicant’s name and accountholder’s name are different, the relationship between the applicant and the accountholder must be also indicated. Then, send it with the “Certificate of Payment” attached to the “Sheet for Examination Fee Payment Certificate” by mail immediately.

Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2026. The paid examination fee will be refunded after the month following the date of receipt of the request.

If you wish to confirm receipt of your refund request, please use the postal tracking service for registered or recorded mail.

Where to send:

Finance Affairs Division, Administrative Department, Kumamoto University

2-39-1 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, JAPAN

Postal code: 860-8555

E-mail: zak-syunyu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

*Please contact Admission Division (E-mail: nyushi@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp) if you wish us to refund the examination fee to your bank account outside Japan.

13. Announcement of Successful Applicants

March 18 (Wed), 2026

Notification of acceptance will be mailed directly to successful applicants.

In addition, the examination ID numbers of successful applicants will be announced on the website of Kumamoto University at around 11:00 a.m. on the announcement day. (The announcement on the website may delay depending on the communication environment on that day.)

[Website of Kumamoto University] <https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>

Inquiries regarding examination results by telephone will not be accepted.

14. Enrollment Procedure

(1) Enrollment procedure

Details of the enrollment procedure will be provided with the notification of acceptance.
Enrollment procedure should be completed online.

Required expenses at the time of enrollment

Entrance fee: 282,000 yen (expected amount)

Those who do not complete the enrollment procedure during the designated period will be considered to have declined admission to the Graduate School of Health Sciences.

(2) Tuition

Per each first and second semester: 267,900 yen (annual amount: 535,800 yen) (expected amount)

Note: If the amount of tuition is revised, the new amount will apply from the time of revision.

(3) Exemption system for affected households in areas covered by the Disaster Relief Act

For students whose financial providers live in areas covered by the Disaster Relief Act and who have difficulty paying the entrance and tuition fees due to a disaster to which the Disaster Relief Act applies, payment of the full or half amount of the entrance and tuition fees may be exempted if approved upon the student's application and screening process. (In the case of a half-tuition fee exemption, the payment of the entrance fee will be postponed for a certain period if approved.)

Note: The application covers entrance and tuition fees to be paid within one year of the occurrence of the disaster.

[Contact] Economic Support Office, Student Life Division, Student Affairs Department
TEL 096-342-2126

15. Scholarships

[For Japanese students]

Students can apply for the scholarship of the Japan Student Services Organization for the First-class Scholarship (choices are from the monthly loan of 50,000 yen or 88,000 yen) or the Second-class Scholarship (choices are from the monthly loan of 50,000 yen, 80,000 yen, 100,000 yen, 130,000 or 150,000 yen depending on the screening result). Other scholarships from local governments and private organizations may also be available.

16. Entrance Fee Exemption/Postponement and Tuition Fee Exemption

Those who meet the qualifications for entrance fee exemption/postponement and tuition fee exemption, if approved based on the screening of their applications, will be exempted from paying the full or half amount of the entrance fee or will be allowed to defer payment of the entrance fee, and will be exempted from paying the full or half of the tuition fee.

Applicants who meet both the academic and household criteria will be selected within the University's budget in order from those with the highest level of household financial need.

The academic criteria for the entrance and tuition fee exemption requires that the applicant's entrance examination result should be in the top half at the graduate school to which the applicant belongs, or that the applicant's academic performance record should be in the top half at the undergraduate/graduate school to which the applicant has belonged. The academic criteria for the entrance fee postponement requires that the applicant should have passed the entrance examination of the graduate school to which the applicant belongs.

The entrance/tuition fee exemption will not be granted to those who do not meet the academic criteria above, even if they are in a situation of high household financial need.

The new system of financial aid for higher education is only available to undergraduate students, and there is no tuition fee exemption for graduate students under the new system. Therefore, please note that even if you were granted an entrance/tuition fee exemption as an undergraduate student under the new system or the university's own exemption system, it does not necessarily mean that you will also be granted an entrance/tuition fee exemption for graduate school.

Students from households that are unable to pay the entrance and tuition fees due to the death of their financial provider or the damage to the student or their financial provider caused by a natural disaster

within one year prior to enrollment will be exempted from paying the entrance fee and full or half of the tuition fee if their application for exemption is approved. (In the case of a half tuition exemption, the payment of the entrance fee can be postponed for a certain period.)

17. How to Apply for the International House (Accommodation)

Successful international applicants who wish to live in the Kumamoto University International House should apply as below. The period of residence is up to half a year in principle. Unsuccessful applicants cannot live in the International House.

(1) How to apply for the International House

Please download the application form from the website of Kumamoto University below.

The application should be submitted through the applicant's prospective academic supervisor.

[URL]

<https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/kokusaikouryuu/kokusaikouryuukaikan/shinsei>

(2) Deadline for application: January 30 (Fri), 2026

*The deadline may be changed. Please check the guidelines in advance.

(3) Contact

International Student Office, Kumamoto University

2-40-1 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, JAPAN

Postal code: 860-8555

Phone: +81-96-342-2160

Fax: +81-96-342-2130

E-mail: gji-ryugaku@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

18. Special Arrangements for School Hours

The Graduate School of Health Sciences offers evening classes, classes at specific times or periods, and intensive courses for students who are enrolled as working adults in accordance with Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools. Those who wish to apply for these arrangements should make a request at the time of prior consultation.

19. Long-term Enrollment System

The Graduate School of Health Sciences may permit students who have a job or are in the situations described below to systematically complete a course of study for a certain period of time beyond the standard term of study. Students who wish to do so must apply at the time of enrollment.

(1) Eligibility

Students who are working adults, who are engaged in childcare, nursing care, etc., or who are deemed appropriate for the system by the Graduate School of Health Sciences.

(2) Period of long-term enrollment:

The extension period is limited to two years. Therefore, the total period of study should be three or four years.

(3) How to apply:

Application forms for the long-term enrollment system will be distributed to those who wish to use the system at the time of enrollment procedure. Please submit the form by the designated deadline.

(4) Tuition:

The total amount of tuition to be paid by those enrolled for three or four years through this system is the same as for those enrolled for the standard completion period (two years) and is allocated and paid in each year.

20. Prior consultation with applicants with disabilities

Applicants with disabilities who require special consideration for taking the entrance examination and studying at the University should consult with the School as below before applying.

Please consult as soon as possible, as it may take time to respond to the applicant's needs, depending on the nature of the consultation.

(1) Please submit the "Pre-Consultation Form" and "Medical Certificate" to the Student Affairs

Office of the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kumamoto University by mail. An interview may be conducted with the applicant or a person from the applicant's previous school who can speak on the applicant's behalf.

(2) The "Pre-Consultation Form" is available on the University's website:

(3) Please refer to the following URL for the types of disabilities and arrangements that have been made.

21. Important Notes

- (1) Once the application documents have been received, no changes can be made to the content of the documents, nor can the entrance examination fee or application materials be returned.
- (2) Those who have made false statements in their applications will be disqualified from taking the examination, and their admission may be revoked if found out later.
- (3) Be sure to bring your Admission Ticket with you when you take the examination. The Admission Ticket will be also required for various procedures related to enrollment, so do not lose it after passing the entrance examination.
- (4) No private vehicles are allowed to enter or park on the university campus.

Personal Information

Applicants' personal information obtained by Kumamoto University through the selection process will be used for the purposes below, in addition to the use in the selection process:

- (1) Names, etc. of successful applicants will be used in operations related to enrollment process.
- (2) Names, etc. of enrollees will be used in operations related to enrollment process including student register management.
- (3) Names, addresses, etc. of enrollees and tuition fee payers will be used in operations related to payment management including collection of tuitions.
- (4) Personal information including academic records obtained in the selection of applicants will be used in operations related to financial support for students such as selection of entrance fee/tuition waiver and scholarship recipients.
- (5) Personal information such as academic records obtained in the selection of applicants will be used for surveys and research related to the selection of applicants.

*The personal information obtained by Kumamoto University will not be used for any other purpose or provided to any third party without the consent of the applicant, except as required by law.

Full-time Supervisors and Research Themes

Major: Health Sciences

Course	Research themes	Faculty members	Email
Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Nursing Practice in Mental Health Care and Welfare • Research on Community-based integrated care systems 	Professor. AOISHI Keiko	keikoao
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on the determinants of health and care systems in community- and public health • Research on survivor's support and disaster prevention activities 	Professor. OKOCHI Ayako	okochi
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on genetic/genomic nursing care and genetic counseling for hereditary/genetic disease patients and family • Research on nursing care for intractable illness/ rare disease/ chronic disease patients and family 	Associate Professor. KUKINAKA Chieko	kukinaka
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of nursing skills and educational contents • Research on information utilization skills and education systems for nursing practice 	Associate Professor. MATSUMOTO Chiharu	matsu-c
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on critical care nursing • Research on educational program for effective development of physical assessment ability 	Professor. MITOMA Rika	mitoma
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on preconception care • Research on the development of health education for reproductive generations 	Professor. ATOGAMI Fumi	fatogami
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Gerontological Nursing • Research on the development of care programmes to enhance the sense of control of older people with dementia 	Associate Professor. NAKAMURA Satsuki	nakamura_s
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on nurses' perceptions of ethical issues in life and health care, and discussions in the nursing field • Research on ethical education for nurses and nursing students 	Associate Professor. FUKUYAMA Miki	fukumk29
Radiological Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Image analysis and clinical application in neuroradiology 	Professor. KITAJIMA Mika	mkitaji
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on imaging technology of biological information using MRI • Research on safety management in MRI examination 	Professor. FUJIWARA Yasuhiro	yfuji
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation dose reduction and improved image quality with multidetector CT 	Professor. FUNAMA Yoshinori	funama
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Image interpretation and its therapeutic application in radiation oncology 	Professor. MURAKAMI Ryuji	murakami
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on visualization of physics in vivo using MRI and machine learning 	Professor. KANAZAWA Yuki	ykz
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on accuracy verification in High-precision radiotherapy • Development of new absorbed dose measurement method 	Associate Professor. OHNO Takeshi	t_oono
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on MR-phase information and its clinical applications 	Associate Professor. YONEDA Tetsuya	tyoneda

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Medical Laboratory Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Research on pathogenesis and treatment for sepsis-associated coagulopathy Development of science-based methodology for evaluating thrombogenic potential 	Professor. ITO Takashi	tito
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on physiological response and adaptation for various internal/external stimulus, and mechanism of deconditioning due to aging and hypokinetic states in human 	Lecturer. ITOH Masahiro	ito
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional disease glycomics for establishing novel strategies of treatments Decoding intrinsic glycan information to elucidate the workings of biological nature 	Professor. OHTSUBO Kazuaki	kohtsubo
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of novel system for early diagnosis of impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) neuropathy Research on pathophysiological mechanisms of amyloid neuropathy 	Professor. OBAYASHI Konen	konen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of diagnostic methods for amyloidosis Research on the pathogenesis of amyloidosis 	Professor. TASAKI Masayoshi	tasaki
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Molecular epidemiological research based on the surveillance of pathogenic microorganisms Research on elucidating the pathogenic mechanisms of microorganisms and developing rapid diagnostic methods 	Professor. TSUTSUKI Hiroyasu	tsutsuki
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic research on molecular targeted therapy for cancer Development of therapeutic strategy based on carcinogenic mechanism for liver cancer 	Professor. YAMAMOTO Masahiro	masahiro
Genetic Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research on genetic/genomic nursing care and genetic counseling for hereditary/genetic disease patients and family Research on nursing care for intractable illness/ rare disease/ chronic disease patients and family 	Associate Professor. KUKINAKA Chieko	kukinaka
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functional disease glycomics for establishing novel strategies of treatments Decoding intrinsic glycan information to elucidate the workings of biological nature 	Professor. OHTSUBO Kazuaki	kohtsubo
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of serotonin transporter genes polymorphism on diabetic complications Impact of β3-adrenergic receptor genes polymorphism on pregnancy complications 	Professor. OBAYASHI Konen	konen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic research on molecular targeted therapy for cancer Research on cancer genome 	Professor. YAMAMOTO Masahiro	masahiro
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of diagnostic methods for amyloidosis Research on the pathogenesis of amyloidosis 	Professor. TASAKI Masayoshi	tasaki

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