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～Advanced Graduate Courses for International Students～

【1. Profile of the University】

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⑥Enrollment (only Graduate School)	196 (include MEXT's Scholarship Students: 86)		

【2. Outline of the Course】

①Course	Public Health Leaders Course
②Degree	PhD (4 Years)
③Graduate Course, Department	Graduate School, Division of Public Health
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④Collaboration (Universities, Graduate courses, Departments)	
⑤Quota	8 (include MEXT's Scholarship Students: 5) (include Japanese : 0)
⑥Faculties	33 (Full-time(only for this course):22 Full-time(at the department offering this course): 0 Part-time: 11)
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【3. Contents of the Course】

Overview

Our program aims to develop public health leaders: outstanding overseas students seeking Ph.Ds. Those who already work in public health and who want to apply the knowledge and training they receive from a comprehensive program to the benefit of the public of their home countries should consider us.

Students will learn the best practices available today while enjoying all the advantages of one of Japan's top ten graduate schools (and the only one with a comprehensive program that combines medicine and dentistry) with a great deal of individual training of tailor-made courses from one of the best faculties in Japan.

Located in the heart of Tokyo, our Public Health Leaders Program has the flexibility of a new program while retaining the advantages of a prestigious school that has been consistently ranked by Citation Index as one of the top five medical schools in Japan. Japan has the highest level of public health in the world due to the quality of its public health practices. Our location in Tokyo puts this in full view of students yet keeps them close to the developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region which our studies will emphasize.

Furthermore, students will receive opportunities to interact with working professionals in public health from Japan and other countries. Our school has a strong international exposure in urban health, infectious disease and parasitology, health policy, and oral health promotion through the work of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Healthy Cities and Urban Policy Research and other programs connected to our Division of Public Health.

Scope

Recent public health issues have played a role in generating social unrest and impeding economic development in various cities of the world. Included are globalization of environmental problems, urbanization triggered by rapid economic growth, and the aging society. Effective management of these issues urgently requires nurturing public health professionals and leaders who have research capability and practical knowledge and skills. These high-caliber people should be interested in dedicating themselves to a career of improving the health of the people they have chosen to serve.

Tokyo Medical and Dental University has hosted many international students and researchers, and it has long been active in promoting academic exchanges and joint research projects with overseas research institutions. The Division of Public Health engages in academic exchanges, including various educational courses with Asian and Pacific-rim countries, and it has grown into the hub of international personal exchange in the field of urban health, infectious diseases and parasitology, and oral health. Capitalizing on these experiences, we hope to further respond to requests and needs of cities regarding public health policy, planning, and programs. This would promote sharing of information through a systematic approach to facilitating international personal exchange and education of foreign students/researchers.

The current health level of Japan, which is among the top in the world, has been made possible in large part by public health practices of high quality and its supporting research, education and

technical know-how. As a country that overcame many public health problems in the course of its development, Japan is a rich depository of health policy and program examples that provide exemplary models and valuable lessons for developing cities abroad. In addition, by exchanging information and sharing their own unique experiences and knowledge with other participants of diverse backgrounds, participants of the course will take full advantage of ‘learning from diversity’.

Taking into account these principles, background, and necessity, this Public Health Leaders Program aims to prepare students, researchers, and public health professionals of high caliber to acquire global perspective and specialized knowledge and skills so that they will play leadership roles, especially in public institutions. A personal tutorial system tailored to meet specific needs of each individual and unique situations of his/her country will facilitate the learning process.

Features

Features of the program are:

- (1) Participants in the Public Health Leaders Program can take courses for credit from a wide range of disciplines under the Division of Public Health: Health Promotion, Environmental Parasitology, Forensic Medicine, International Health, Oral Health Promotion, Forensic Dentistry, Sports Medicine and Dentistry, Health Care Management, Health Care Economics, Education Development, Research Development, Medical Informatics, Social Psychiatry, and Epidemiology.
- (2) This program consists of required courses, which differ from one discipline to another, and electives to meet specific individual needs and interests.
- (3) Each participant will develop his/her dissertation research topic on themes such as public health systems, policy formulation, evaluation methods, public health issues in Japan, and case studies from Asian and Pacific-rim countries.
- (4) Participants will have education programs together with Japanese graduate school students studying public health.
- (5) Participants are facilitated in conducting field studies in home countries and regions for several weeks to several months in order to complete their dissertations, when applicable. They can receive advice from the supervisor and by distance education for purposes of planning, implementation, and follow-up of their field studies while staying in their home countries and regions.
- (6) Participants will acquire experiences in the Japanese public health system, skills through case studies and practical knowledge by using advanced facilities and instruments.
- (7) Drawing upon their lectures, research, and practical knowledge, participants will examine public health policy proposals of various countries and municipalities.
- (8) The entire training course will be conducted in English.