

## **Biwako-Gakuin College (びわこ学院大学短期大学部)**

### Evaluation summary

**This junior college has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the standards of the Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation.**

<b>Standards</b>	<b>Evaluation result</b>
Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.	Satisfied
Standard 2. Students	Satisfied
Standard 3. Educational Curriculum	Satisfied
Standard 4. Faculty and Staff	Satisfied
Standard 5. Management, Administration and Finance	Satisfied
Standard 6. Internal Quality Assurance	Satisfied

### **Good practices**

- For the Comprehensive Selection (Admission Office (AO)) entrance examination to the Paedology Course, to the usual method of selection based on a short essay and individual interview the junior college has added a method focused on practical skills whereby the grades of the BIWA-GAKU Piano Grade Examination are converted to scores and used, thereby attracting applications from students at high schools other than affiliated schools. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- By providing individual guidance based on objectives evaluations such as generic skills measurement tests and subjective evaluations such as Learning Records, the junior college is drawing its students' motivation. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- Working in collaboration with business offices and companies in the local community, the junior college is providing places where students can undergo hands-on learning while utilizing social resources, improving the environment so that students can visualize their futures and select a vocation. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- A mechanism has been established whereby faculty members in charge of seminars invite students individually to conduct reviews together with them on graduation day when Achievement Level Sheets for diploma policy are given to the students. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- Faculty members are evaluated in accordance with the Report on Self-setting of Education and Research Activity Targets, Report on Education and Research Activity Achievements, and Report on Self-evaluation of Education and Research Activities; the President evaluates all faculty members' annual performance and presents a summary of the evaluations to the Faculty Council.

These initiatives are worthy of high evaluation.

- As specific training initiatives concerning matters that must be complied with in regard to research ethics and research, the junior college holds compliance workshops once every year. As a general rule, all faculty and staff are required to attend these workshops, and after participating in each year's workshop, submit a Check of Degree of Understanding and Pledge. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

**Recommendations for improvement**

None.