

Kyushu University of Nursing and Social Welfare (九州看護福祉大学)

Evaluation summary

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

Standards	Evaluation result
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

○In addition to scholarship programs such as loan-based scholarships and tuition exemption for honor students, the university provides numerous financial support programs for students, including its original System for Paying the Travel Expenses of Students from Remote Areas to Travel Home and emergency COVID-19 support measures such as the Emergency Tuition Fee Reduction/Exemption System, Payment of Study Support Funds, and On-campus Study Environment Support. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

Recommendations for improvement

- The total capacity fill rate for the Department of Oral Health, Faculty of Nursing and Welfare is less than 70%, and improvements are required.
- The total capacity fill rate for the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Nursing and Welfare is more than 130%, and improvements are required.
- The university needs to formulate assessment policies, and other improvements are required including with regard to methods and systems for implementing inspections and evaluations of learning outcomes based on various scales/indicators and measurement methods
- Two Vice-Presidents are appointed to assist the President and oversee the administrative affairs of the university at the President's behest. However, there are no written documents from the President or university rules stipulating the positioning and role of each Vice-President within the organization, and improvements are required.

- With regard to the number of professors required under the Standards for Establishment of Universities, the Department of Social Welfare, Faculty of Nursing and Welfare has one less professor than the required number, and there are three less professors than the required number for the total capacity of the university overall. Accordingly, improvements are required.
- With regard to the number of research assistant supervisors required under the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools, the Graduate Program of Mental Health, Graduate School of Nursing and Social Welfare has two assistant teachers less than the required number, and so improvements are required.
- Without having addressed business performance as an agenda item even once or voting on a resolution, the Board of Directors prepares and publicizes business reports, and improvements are required.
- The meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 7, 2021 was deemed to have been held by circulation of resolutions in writing among the directors. Accordingly, improvements are required.
- Improvements are urgently required in order to strengthen the organizational system for further enhancing internal quality assurance and clarify the responsibility system through the formulation of a cross-university policy regarding internal quality assurance and the establishment of the Internal Quality Assurance Promotion Office (tentative title), which is currently under consideration.
- There are issues such as an insufficient number of professors and other instructors for undergraduate and graduate programs, the role of the Vice-Presidents, and management of the Board of Directors, and improvements are required due to problems with the functionality of the internal quality assurance system.