

Suzuka University of Medical Science (鈴鹿医療科学大学)

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The institution has clearly stated its mission and objectives in the school rules, and has also concisely defined its education and research objectives so as to make them understandable to students and school staff. Since its foundation, it has emphasized its features as a university which fosters medical and welfare specialists, and has taken inventive approach to encouraging students to acquire knowledge and techniques necessary for team medical care.

The administrative director and principal have exercised leadership to enhance partnerships with the medical and industrial circles, as well as local communities and public administration, with the aim of achieving its mission and objectives.

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

The institution has developed its admission policy and devised ways of providing more options to applicants by adopting various forms of selection methods for acceptance of students. It also has developed an educational curriculum according to its curriculum policy.

It has implemented “Iryojin Sokojikara Kyoiku (education to foster medical specialists with fundamental strength)” since 2014 as a school-wide project, and created the Institutional Research (IR) Promotion Office consisting of teachers and other school staff who jointly carry out analysis. The results of the above activities were promptly reflected in selection of entrants and daily educational activities for improvement.

Chiyozaeki Campus and Shiroko Campus have a suitable educational environment with adequate school premises, buildings, facilities and equipment.

“Standard 3. Management, Administration and Finance”

The institution has complied with laws and regulations related to the establishment and administration of universities, and has maintained the discipline and integrity of management by making continuous improvement in its organizational structure. In terms of the functionality of governance, the “Management Council” consisting of major members from the governing body and school organization promoted information sharing and mutual checks. By establishing the “University Conference” as an advisory body to facilitate decision-making and execution of the institution’s operations, and by organizing the “Principal and Deputy Principal Meeting” joined by the secretary general, the institution established a structure that enables the principal to exercise leadership and to ask for suggestions from division heads and deputy principals, and has ensured balanced management.

With the enhancement of new faculties and departments, it seems possible that the income and expenditure balance will show a trend toward improvement, but it is expected that the institution will continue efforts to reduce expenditure.

“Standard 4. Self-inspection and Evaluation”

In accordance with the “Suzuka University of Medical Science Basic Policy 2015” formulated by the administrative director, the institution has conducted self-inspections and evaluations independently and autonomously in line with its mission and objectives, based on a cycle of preparing and implementing the “Mid-term Plan (three years)” and the “Action Plan (one year)”. Various data submitted by each division were confirmed to grasp the current situation, and transparent self-inspections and evaluations were conducted based on such data. The institution publicized the results of self-inspections and evaluations via the website and other media so as to share them internally and disclose them to the public.

To sum up, the institution has clearly defined its mission and objectives, and has played an important role as a medical university in local communities. It also has taken proper measures for learning, teaching, management, administration and finance. In particular, it is noteworthy that it has devised ways of providing education by implementing the “Iryojin Sokojikara Kyoiku”. Under the leadership of the administrative director and the principal, the Suzuka University of Medical Science has built a distinctive culture.

For details of “Standard A. Collaboration with Society and Contribution through Research Activities”, which are set forth as the institution’s unique initiative based on its mission and objectives, please refer to the general remarks on the standard.