

HEALTH SCIENCE UNIVERSITY (健康科学大学)

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The HEALTH SCIENCE UNIVERSITY defines its basic philosophy to foster human resources who combine three skills (“well-rounded character,” “professional knowledge and technical capabilities,” and “open joint development power” and objectives of the school code “to conduct human education based on the spirit of foundation” to reflect the spirit of foundation and basic philosophy into the objectives of the University. To promote planned and strategic operation, the University defines its middle-term goal and plan, places the mission and objectives based on the spirit of foundation in its preceding sentences, and positions specific items. Based on request from local society, it established the Department of Nursing and inserted statement about nursing into the spirit of foundation to accommodate change of the society.

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

The University clearly defines its admission policies as a whole university and each division and publishes them in website or application guidebook for students. Entrance examination are devised to evaluate three elements of academic ability (“comprehension and skill,” “thinking, judgment, and expression,” and “independence, diversification, and cooperation”). It is recommended to make an effort to ameliorate excess entrance limit of the Division of Physical Therapy and unfilled entrance limit of the Division of Welfare Psychology in the Department of Health Science. The University also organizes educational curriculum which aims to foster appropriate human recourses as professionals of medicine, healthcare, and welfare based on the diploma policy and curriculum policy. It enhances student support systems such as roll book management system, class teacher system, and establishment of Student Support Center and rates of withdrawal and holdover are decreasing. Although it also offers carrier education during and outside classes from the first grade and its employment rate and pass rate of national examination are at high level, the “Employment Committee” and “National Examination Committee” are working to raise further improvement in an organized way.

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

Operation of the corporate business are determined in the Board of Directors based on the code of donative activities and the “Board of Managing Directors” were set up to execute duties by prompt decision-making. Because the University has two campuses and its adjunct rehabilitation clinic contributes to local healthcare, “Operation Conferences” consisting of the President, vice-president, academic deans, division heads, executive director, hospital director of the rehabilitation clinic are held every month to discuss important matters related to university operation and teaching. Although there are issues such as financial burden to establish the Department of Nursing, unfilled enrollment limit in the Division of

Occupational Therapy and Division of Welfare Psychology in the Department of Health Science, there is excess income in the payment balance of the year before fundamental funds in university category and ratio of income and expenditure balance in business activities undergoes a stable transition. The University has formulated five-year management plan since 2016 to conduct planned financial operation. It is expected that it administers the plan steadily to establish stable financial ground.

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

The University defines to self-inspect and evaluate status of educational research activities in the school code and established the “Self-inspection and Self-evaluation Committee” to implement. It publishes that the “Self-inspection and Self-evaluation Committee” summarizes the result of Self-Inspection and Evaluation and distributes annual reports on campus. It utilizes the result to formulate middle-term goal and more.

In general, the University tries to foster human resources who contribute to medicine, healthcare, and welfare stated in its mission and objectives based on the spirit of foundation and basic philosophy and is working on local contribution. It also enhances student support system and reduces rates of withdrawal and holdover. Although there are issues such as handling of departments with unfilled enrolment limit and financial burden to establish the Department of Nursing, it is working on establishment of financial ground by formulating 5-year business plan since 2016 and steady implementation is recommended.

Please see a general comment of the standard for “Standard A. Regional Alliances” defined as a unique framework of the University based on its mission and goal.