

Current Status and Future Directions for Evaluating the International Exchange Program at Fukuoka University School of Nursing – Second Report: Exchange with Washburn University School of Nursing –

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Abstract

As one of the international activities promoted by our nursing school, we initiated an exchange program with the nursing school of Washburn University, Kansas, USA in 2012. Washburn University is the first university to enter into an academic exchange agreement with Fukuoka University. We sent a total of 20 nursing students and four faculty members in 2012 and 2013. The participants positively completed the program, which includes English and nursing classes and clinical practice in the hospital with visits to health care facilities and homestay facilities, and were quite satisfied with the content of the program. This program has greatly widened the views of the students and faculty, increasing their motivation to learn and teach, which has positively affected their future careers. In 2014, we invited the dean of the nursing school at Washburn University to Fukuoka University to discuss the development of an additional program implemented at Fukuoka for both the students and faculty of Washburn University. There are several problems to be addressed, including selecting the facilities for training, improving linguistic abilities and acquiring fundamental knowledge regarding medical care and nursing in the two countries. With the goal of overcoming these problems, we wish to continue improving and expanding the current program for internationalizing our nursing school.

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