

The Present Situation and Tasks of International Exchange Activity in Schools of Nursing: Visits of the Students and Faculty Members of Washburn University School of Nursing to Fukuoka University (the Third Report)

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Abstract

In 2012, the School of Nursing, in the Faculty of Medicine of Fukuoka University started to prepare for an international exchange program with Washburn University School of Nursing (WUSN) in the United States as an international exchange activity. A total of 38 students and 8 faculty members have been sent to WUSN to learning advanced nursing skills. Both schools started talks to promote mutual exchanges in 2013 and the dean of the School of Nursing and the director of International Programs visited Fukuoka University in 2014. It was then decided that mutual exchanges between the schools should be started from 2015. In January 2016 3 faculty members and 6 students visited Fukuoka University from WUSN in the 1st international exchange program. In this program they were taken on a tour of the hospitals and medical facilities and enjoyed homestays in accordance with the goal of a WUSN class entitled, "Nursing in Japan". Through this program they could gain a greater understanding about medical care and nursing in Japan and about Japanese culture and history. Human interactions also deepened through the mutual exchanges of faculty members and students. It is expected that the exchange program will be continued for many years to come when the necessary adjustments are made to satisfy people at WUSN.

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