

○ Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine Rules

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(Purpose)

Article 1 These rules stipulate necessary matters pertaining to the Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine (hereinafter referred to as "the Graduate School") in accordance with the National University Corporation Kobe University General Provisions (established on April 1, 2004) and the Kobe University General Rules for Students (established on April 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as "General Rules").

(Departments and Programs)

Article 2 The departments and programs established in the Graduate School are as listed below.

Department	Program
Department of Biomedical Sciences	Master's Program
Department of Medical Sciences	Doctoral Program

2 The Department of Medical Sciences shall be a four-year doctoral program (hereinafter referred to as "Doctoral Program").

(Education and Research Goals)

Article 3 The human resources development goals and other education and research goals of each department are respectively as follows:

(1) Department of Biomedical Sciences

The aim of the department of biomedical sciences is to promote advanced, interdisciplinary research in the fields of biomedical science and medicine and to cultivate outstanding researchers and educators in those fields and graduates equipped with a high level of specialized knowledge who can play an active role in related industries.

(2) Department of Medical Sciences

The aim of the Department of Medical Sciences is to promote highly advanced, interdisciplinary research in the fields of medicine and bioscience and to cultivate outstanding medical researchers for the future of medicine and bioscience as well as research-minded clinical physicians equipped with advanced clinical skills (i.e., advanced professionals).

(Courses)

Article 3-2 The Department of Biomedical Sciences shall have the following courses.

Regular Course

Community-based Medical Physics Specialist Training Course

Article 4 The Department of Medical Sciences shall have the following divisions:

Physiology and Cell Biology

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Pathology

Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

Social/Community Medicine and Health Science

Internal Medicine

Internal Related

Surgery

Surgery Related

2 The Department of Medical Sciences shall have the following programs and courses:

Researcher Training Program

Medical Professional Training Program

International Medical Research Course

Community-based Radiotherapy Specialist Training Course

Community-based Cancer Chemotherapy Specialist Training Course

Community-based Palliative Oncology Specialist Training Course

Community-based Cancer Chemotherapy Pharmacist Training Course

Basic and Clinical Integrated Advanced Cancer Researcher Training Course

Cooperative Graduate School Clinical Research Physician Training Course

(Dean of the Graduate School)

Article 5 The Graduate School shall have a dean.

2 The dean shall oversee matters pertaining to the Graduate School.

(Associate Deans)

Article 5-2 The Graduate School shall have three associate deans.

2 The associate deans shall assist the dean with his or her duties.

3 The necessary matters concerning the selection of associate deans shall be stipulated separately.

(Heads of Departments)

Article 6 Each department in the Graduate School shall have a head of department.

2 Heads of departments shall oversee matters pertaining to their respective departments.

3 The necessary matters concerning heads of departments shall be stipulated separately.

(Master's Program Admission Eligibility)

Article 7 Persons who fall under any of the following items can enroll in the master's program:

(1) Persons who have graduated from a Japanese university;

(2) Persons who have received a bachelor's degree pursuant to the provisions of Article 104, Paragraph 4 of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947; hereinafter referred to as "the Act");

(3) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education abroad;

(4) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education of a school in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses provided by such foreign school in Japan;

(5) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has university programs of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to persons who have completed 16 years of school education of the foreign country);

(6) Persons who have completed a specialized program at a special training college in Japan separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology after the date determined by the Minister (limited to programs of at least four years that satisfy other standards determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology);

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (in accordance with Ministry of Education Notification No. 5 (1953));

(8) Persons who were admitted to the Kobe University Graduate School pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the Act and have been recognized as having sufficient scholastic ability to undertake postgraduate studies at the Graduate School;

(9) Persons who are 22 years or older and are deemed to have scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to a university graduate, based on the results of an individual entrance qualification examination administered by the Graduate School.

(Master's Program Early Admission)

Article 8 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the Graduate School may decide to allow admission to a person who falls under any of the following categories and who, after deliberation by the Graduate School of Medicine Faculty Council (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty Council"), is recognized as having earned the credits stipulated by the Graduate School and achieved excellent grades:

(1) Persons who have been enrolled in a university for at least three years;

(2) Persons who have completed 15 years of school education abroad;

(3) Persons who have completed 15 years of school education of a school in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses provided by such foreign school in Japan;

(4) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has university programs of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to persons who have completed 15 years of school education of the foreign country);

(Doctoral Program Admission Eligibility)

Article 9 Persons who fall under any of the following items can enroll in the doctoral program:

(1) Persons who have graduated from a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs with a standard period of enrollment of six years; hereinafter, the same shall apply) or a program in veterinary medicine (limited to programs with a standard period of enrollment of six years; hereinafter, the same shall apply);

(2) Persons who have completed 18 years of school education abroad (whose final program was in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine);

(3) Persons who have completed 18 years of school education of a school in a foreign country (whose final program was in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine) by taking correspondence courses provided by such foreign school in Japan;

(4) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and [has a program of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to persons who have completed 18 years of school education (whose final program was in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine) of that foreign country);

(5) Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (in accordance with Ministry of Education Notification No. 39 of 1955);

(6) Persons who were admitted to the Kobe University Graduate School pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the Act and have been recognized as having sufficient scholastic ability to undertake postgraduate studies at the Graduate School;

(7) Persons who are 24 years old or older and are deemed to have scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to someone who has graduated from a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine based on the results of an individual entrance qualification examination administered by the Graduate School.

(Doctoral Program Early Admission)

Article 10 Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding article, the Graduate School may decide to allow admission to a person who falls under any of the following categories and who, after deliberation by the Faculty Council, is recognized as having earned the credits stipulated by the Graduate School and achieved excellent grades:

(1) Persons who have been enrolled in a university (limited to programs in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine) for at least four years;

(2) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education abroad (limited to programs which include instruction in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine);

(3) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education of a school in a foreign country (limited to programs which include instruction in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine) by taking correspondence courses provided by such foreign school in Japan;

(4) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has a university program of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of

Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to persons who have completed 16 years of school education (whose final program was in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or veterinary medicine) of that foreign country);

(Advancement)

Article 11 Persons who wish to advance to the doctoral program after having completed a master's program, the first division of a graduate program or a professional degree program at the graduate schools of Kobe University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") may be permitted to do so if found to be eligible following screening.

(Screening Methods)

Article 12 Applicants will be comprehensively screened based on academic achievement tests, interviews and the grades they achieved at the university or other institution from which they graduated.

(Transfer from Other Graduate Schools)

Article 12-2 When a student from another graduate school outside of the University submits a transfer request to the dean, it may be approved by the dean after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Necessary matters concerning transfers shall be stipulated separately.

(Readmission)

Article 12-3 When a student who withdrew or was removed from the Graduate School submits a request for readmission, he or she may be permitted by the dean to reenter the Graduate School after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Necessary matters concerning readmission shall be stipulated separately.

(Methods of Instruction)

Article 13 Education in the Graduate School shall consist of lectures by subject and supervised research for a dissertation (hereinafter referred to as "research supervision").

(Special Exceptions for Methods of Instruction)

Article 14 Lectures and research supervision may be implemented in the evenings or at other specified times or periods of time if deemed especially necessary for educational purposes by the Faculty Council.

(Subjects and Credit Numbers)

Article 15 The subjects offered by the Graduate School and the number of credits awarded for each subject are as listed in Appended Tables 1 and 2.

(Credit Standards)

Article 16 Credits for each subject shall be calculated according to the following standards:

- (1) For lectures and seminars, one credit shall be granted for 15 hours of class;
- (2) For laboratory experiments and practical training, one credit shall be granted for 30 hours of class.

(Supervisors)

Article 17 Supervisors shall be full-time professors, project professors and visiting professors of the Graduate School; however, when deemed necessary, full-time associate professors, project associate professors or assistant professors or visiting associate professors may serve as supervisors when approved by the Faculty Council.

(Master's Program Enrollment Requirements)

Article 18 Master's program students must receive the necessary research supervision and complete at least 30 credits from the subjects listed in Appended Table 1.

(Doctoral Program Enrollment Requirements)

Article 19 Doctoral program students must receive the necessary research supervision and complete at least 30 credits from the subjects listed in Appended Tables 2 and 3.

(Enrollment in Subjects)

Article 20 To enroll in subjects, students must receive the guidance of their supervisor and submit a registration form to the dean by the prescribed deadline.

2 When students wish to take subjects offered by another graduate school or faculty within the University, they must receive permission from the dean of said graduate school or faculty after receiving guidance from their supervisors and the permission of the dean of the Graduate School.

3 Credits earned for subjects taken at another graduate school or faculty pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph (excluding credits earned for subjects taken at an undergraduate faculty) may be approved as credits as stipulated in Articles 18 and 19 after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Enrollment in Subjects at Another Graduate School Outside the University)

Article 21 Students may take subjects at a graduate school of another university (including foreign universities. Hereinafter the same shall apply.) with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

2 Regarding credits earned for subjects pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, up to 10 credits may be approved as credits stipulated in Articles 18 and 19 after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Handling of Credits Earned for Subjects Taken at Foreign Graduate Schools While on Leave of Absence)

Article 21-2 Credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a graduate school of a foreign university with whom the University has signed a cooperative agreement while on leave of absence under the approval of the Faculty Council may be treated as credits earned at the University.

2 Out of those credits that can be treated as earned at the University pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, up to 10 credits in total with those credits approved as earned at the University pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the preceding article, may be approved as credits as stipulated in Articles 18 and 19 after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Approval of Credits Acquired Prior to Admission)

Article 22 In accordance with the stipulations in Article 75 of the General Rules for Students, the approval of credits earned prior to admission shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Persons who wish to have previously earned credits approved must submit the necessary documents to the dean by the designated date.

3 Regarding the approval of credits pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1, out of those credits earned outside of the University, excluding cases of transfer and readmission, no more than 10 credits may be included in credits as stipulated in Articles 18 and 19 after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Research Supervision at Other Graduate Schools Within or Outside of the University)

Article 23 With approval of the Faculty Council, a student may be permitted to receive some research supervision at a graduate school or research institution at another university (including a foreign research institution) with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement. In such cases, the period for which they can receive said research supervision shall not exceed one year for master's program students.

2 With approval of the Faculty Council, doctoral program students may be permitted to receive some research supervision at other graduate schools within the University.

(Study Abroad)

Article 24 In accordance with the stipulations in Articles 21 and 23, students must obtain permission from the dean when they wish to study abroad at a foreign graduate school or research institution.

2 The period of study abroad set forth in the preceding paragraph will be included in the standard period of enrollment.

(Leave of Absence)

Article 25 The period of a leave of absence shall be set at no more than one year.

2 The dean may allow an extension of the period of leave of absence of up to one year if special circumstances are deemed to exist. The same shall apply for students who would like another extension upon the conclusion of said period of extension.

3 The extension of the leave of absence period set forth in the preceding paragraph may not exceed two years for doctoral program students.

4 The cumulative leave of absence period may not exceed two years for master's program students or four years for doctoral program students.

5 The period of a leave of absence shall not be included in the period of enrollment.

(Awarding of Credits)

Article 26 A prescribed number of credits shall be conferred on students who have completed a subject and passed the examinations.

2 Examinations may be written examinations, oral examinations or research reports.

(Dissertation Screenings and Final Examinations)

Article 27 Dissertation screenings and final examinations shall be governed by the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on April 1, 2004) and the Graduate School of Medicine Bylaws to the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on March 31, 2008).

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 27-2 The criteria for evaluating academic performance set forth in Article 73-2 of the General Rules for Students shall be stipulated separately.

(Requirements for Completion of the Master's Program)

Article 28 Students who have remained enrolled in the master's program for at least two years, who have earned the number of credits stipulated in Article 18, and who have passed the master's thesis screening and final examination having received the necessary research supervision shall be deemed to have completed the program. However, a student who has demonstrated excellence in their academic work may be permitted to graduate after one year of study as provided for separately by the Faculty Council.

2 In the cases referred to in the preceding paragraph, assessment of the results of research on a specified project may be substituted for the master's thesis screening.

(Requirements for Completion of the Doctoral Program)

Article 29 Students who have remained enrolled in the doctoral program for at least four years, who have earned the number of credits stipulated in Article 19, and who have passed the doctoral dissertation screening and final examination having received the necessary research supervision shall be deemed to have completed the doctoral program. However, a student who has achieved exemplary research results may be permitted to graduate after three years of study as provided for separately by the Faculty Council.

(Certification of Completion)

Article 30 Certification of program completion as described in the preceding two articles shall be conducted by the Faculty Council.

(Conferral of Degrees)

Article 31 Master's degrees or doctoral degrees will be conferred on persons who have completed their respective programs.

2 When conferring the degrees listed in the preceding paragraph, the title of the field of study will be indicated as listed below.

Master's program:	Master	of	Biomedical	Science
Doctoral program:	Doctor of Medicine			

(Special Auditors)

Article 32 Students from a graduate school at another university with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement who wish to apply to the Graduate School as special auditors shall submit their requests to the dean via their graduate schools as provided for separately.

2 The intake period for a special auditor shall be the beginning of the semester in which the subject he or she wishes to take is being offered, and the period of auditorship shall be the period for which said subject is offered.

(Special Research Students)

Article 33 Students from a graduate school at another university with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement who wish to apply to the Graduate School as special research students shall submit their requests to the dean via their graduate schools as provided for separately.

2 The research period of Special Research Students shall be no longer than one year; however, the period may be extended when deemed necessary by the Faculty Council.

(Research Students)

Article 34 Persons who wish to research a specific topic in the Graduate School may be permitted to enroll as research students after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Research students shall conduct research under the supervision of a supervisor.

3 Matters concerning research students shall be stipulated separately.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 35 In addition to the stipulations in these rules, the Faculty Council shall stipulate any other necessary matters.

Supplementary Provisions

These rules come into effect on April 1, 2008.

Supplementary Provisions (September 30, 2008)

These rules come into effect on October 1, 2008.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2009)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2009.

2 With regard to persons enrolled in the Graduate School of Medicine upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year to the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2009, the previous rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Tables 1 through 4.

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of revised Article 4, Paragraph 2, the integrated basic and clinical medicine education course, the advanced clinical specialist education course and the professional clinical physician education course will continue to exist for as long as any of the students enrolled in any of said courses as of March 31, 2009 remain enrolled therein.

Supplementary Provisions (July 31, 2009)

These rules come into effect on July 31, 2009, but the stipulations in the revised Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine Rules shall apply from April 1, 2009; however, the part of the revised Appended Table 3 that adds “special topics in developmental and regenerative medicine” shall apply to persons who enroll in the 2008 academic year (hereinafter referred to as "new students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year to the Graduate School as a new student.

Supplementary Provisions (August 3, 2009)

These rules come into effect on August 3, 2009, but the stipulations in the revised Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine Rules shall apply from June 1, 2009.

Supplementary Provisions

These rules come into effect on October 1, 2009; however, the part of the revised Appended Table 1 that adds “acute pediatric disorders” and the part of the revised Appended Table 3 that adds “acute pediatric disorders” come into force on October 16, 2009.

Supplementary Provisions (November 30, 2009)

These rules come into effect on December 1, 2009.

Supplementary Provisions (March 26, 2010)

These rules come into effect on April 1, 2010.

Supplementary Provisions (September 21, 2010)

These rules come into effect on October 1, 2010.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2011)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2011.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year to the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2011, the previous rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Table 2-(3), Appended Table 2-(4) and Appended Table 3.

Supplementary Provisions (March 21, 2012)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2012.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year to the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2012, the previous rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Table 1, Appended Table 2 (excluding those sections pertaining to (2)), and Appended Table 3.

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of revised Article 3-2, the certified oncology pharmacist training course in the department of biomedical sciences will continue to exist for as long as any of the students enrolled in said course as of March 31, 2012 remain enrolled therein.

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of revised Article 4, Paragraph 2, the membrane biology research leader training course in the department of medical sciences will continue to exist for as long as any of the students enrolled in said course as of March 31, 2012 remain enrolled therein.

Supplementary Provisions (April 27, 2012)

These rules come into effect on May 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions (September 12, 2012)

1 These rules come into effect on October 1, 2012.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of revised Article 4, Paragraph 2, the radiation oncologist training course and the cancer chemotherapy specialist training course in the department of medical sciences will continue to exist for as long as any of the students enrolled in either of said courses as of September 30, 2012 remain enrolled therein.

3 Persons who enrolled in the 2012 academic year and who, as of September 30, 2012, are currently studying in the courses listed in the left-hand column of the following table (hereinafter referred to as "AY2012 enrollees") shall be considered as studying in the courses listed in the right-hand column of the same table from the date of enforcement, and the credits they have taken and completed will be treated as having been taken and completed in the courses listed in the right-hand column.

Radiation Oncologist Training Course, Department of Medical Sciences	Community-based Radiotherapy Specialist Training Course, Department of Medical Sciences
Cancer Chemotherapy Specialist Training Course, Department of Medical Sciences	Community-based Cancer Chemotherapy Specialist Training Course, Department of Medical Sciences
Oncology Pharmacist Training Course, Department of Medical Sciences	Community-based Cancer Chemotherapy Pharmacist Training Course, Department of Medical Sciences

Supplementary Provisions (March 27, 2013)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2013.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year to the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2013, the previous rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Table 1, Appended Table 2-(1) and Appended Table 3.

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of revised Article 3-2, the medical physicist training course in the department of biomedical sciences will continue to exist for as long as any of the students enrolled in said course as of March 31, 2013 remain enrolled therein.

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of revised Article 4, Paragraph 2, the special course for international medical exchange, the biomedicine international course, the next-generation signal transduction research leader training course, and the palliative oncology specialist training course in the department of medical sciences will continue to exist for as long as any of the students enrolled in any of said courses as of March 31, 2013 remain enrolled therein.

Supplementary Provisions (August 30, 2013)

These rules come into effect on October 1, 2013.

Supplementary Provisions (March 26, 2014)

These rules come into effect on April 1, 2014.