

Kobe University Graduate School of Health Sciences Rules

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(Purpose)

These rules stipulate necessary matters pertaining to the Kobe University Graduate School of Health Sciences (hereinafter referred to as "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").

(Programs)

Article 2 The program offered by the Graduate School shall be a graduate program.

2 The graduate program shall be divided into a two-year first stage program (hereinafter referred to as "first division" or "Master's Program") and a subsequent three-year program (hereinafter referred to as "Doctoral Program"), and the first division shall be treated as a master's program.

(Departments and Divisions, etc.)

Article 3 The Graduate School shall have the Department of Health Sciences.

2 The divisions and fields of study established in the Graduate School are as listed in Appended Table 1.

(Educational and Research Goals of the Graduate School)

Article 4 The Graduate School shall see the well-being of people from the physical, social, and ethical aspects comprehensively, and pursue research toward creating and practicing total healthcare, specifically with the aim of fostering, in the Master's Program, researchers, educators, and professional experts who are capable of driving advances in nursing science, pathophysiologic analysis, rehabilitation science, community health sciences, and international health at high levels, and in the Doctoral Program, leading researchers, educators and advanced professionals who are equipped with more sophisticated analytical and problem-solving skills and have a research mindset that enables the establishment of new health sciences through clinical practice.

(CNS Course)

Article 5 The Master's Program shall include the CNS course (Certified Nurse Specialists course; hereinafter the same shall apply) to foster family nursing specialists.

(ICHS)

Article 5-2 Both the Master's and Doctoral Programs shall offer an ICHS course (International Course for Health Sciences; hereinafter the same shall apply) to enable students to obtain degrees by taking

classes conducted exclusively in English.

(Dean of the Graduate School)

Article 6 The Graduate School shall have a dean.

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

(Associate Deans)

Article 6-2 The Graduate School shall have several associate deans.

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

3 The necessary matters concerning the selection of associate deans shall be stipulated by the Kobe University Graduate School of Health Sciences Faculty Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Faculty Council”).

(Master’s Division Admission Eligibility)

Article 7 Persons who fall under any of the following items may enroll in the Master’s Program of the Graduate School:

- (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 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; or
- (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 Division 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 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; or
- (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 that foreign country).

(Doctoral Program Admission Eligibility)

Article 9 Persons who fall under any of the following items can enroll in the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School:

- (1) Persons who have obtained a master's or professional degree;
- (2) Persons on whom a degree equivalent to a master's or a professional degree has been conferred in a foreign country;
- (3) Persons who have completed correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign school and on whom a degree equivalent to a master's or a professional degree was conferred;
- (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 graduate school courses of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and on whom a degree equivalent to a master's or a professional degree was conferred;
- (5) Persons who have completed a graduate program at United Nations University, which is the university founded based on a United Nations General Assembly resolution dated December 11, 1972 as stipulated in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976), resulting in the conferral of a degree equivalent to a master's degree;
- (6) Persons who, having completed an educational program at a foreign school, a designated academic institution as described in Item 4 above or United Nations University, have passed an examination or screening equivalent to those set forth in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 28 of 1974) and have been recognized as having scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to that of someone with a master's degree;
- (7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (in accordance with Ministry of Education Notification No. 118 (1989)); or
- (8) Persons who are 24 years old and are deemed to have scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to someone with a master's degree or professional degree based on the results of an individual entrance

qualification examination administered by the Graduate School.

(Advancement)

Article 10 Persons who wish to advance to the Doctoral Program or the graduate program of the Graduate School after having completed a master's program, the Master's Program of a graduate program, or a professional degree program at a graduate school 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 11 Applicants will be screened based on a comprehensive evaluation of the results of academic achievement tests, interviews and the like.

(Transfer from Other Graduate Schools)

Article 12 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 13 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 14 Education in the Graduate School shall consist of lectures by subject and supervised research for a dissertation (hereinafter referred to as "research supervision").

(Special Provisions for Methods of Instruction)

Article 15 Lectures may be conducted, or research supervision may be provided at night or during other specified times or time periods when the Faculty Council determines that special educational needs exist.

(Subjects and the Number of Credits)

Article 16 The subjects offered by the Graduate School and the number of credits awarded for each subject are listed in Appended Tables 2 and 3.

(Credit Standards)

Article 17 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 18 Supervisors shall be full-time professors and visiting professors of the Graduate School; provided, however, that full-time associate professors, assistant professors, or visiting associate professors of the Graduate School may serve as supervisors as necessary when approved by the Faculty Council.

(Requirements for Completion of the Master's Program)

Article 19 Students enrolled in the Master's Program shall, under the guidance of their supervisors, in accordance with Appended Table 2, acquire at least 30 credits including those in the categories specified in each of the following items.

(1) Common subjects: 6 credits or more

(2) Specialized subjects designated by supervisors: 14 credits or more (2 credits or more from special lectures or CNS specialized subjects, 2 credits or more from seminars, and 10 credits from specialized research)

(Requirements for Completion of the Second Division)

Article 20 Students enrolled in the Doctoral Program shall, under the guidance of their supervisors, in accordance with Appended Table 3, acquire at least 12 credits including those in the categories specified in each of the following items.

(1) Common subjects: 2 credits or more

(2) Specialized subjects designated by supervisors: 8 credits or more (2 credits or more from special lectures, 2 credits or more from seminars, and 4 credits from specialized research)

(Requirements for Completion of the CNS Course)

Article 21 Students enrolled in the CNS course shall, in accordance with Appended Table 2, acquire 8 credits from CNS common subjects A, 6 credits from CNS common subjects B, 26 credits from CNS specialized subjects, and 10 credits from CNS other subjects.

(Requirements for Completion of ICHS)

Article 21-2 Students enrolled in the Master's Program and taking the ICHS program shall, under the guidance of their supervisors, in accordance with Appended Table 2, acquire at least 30 credits, comprising 6 credits or more from ICHS common subjects, and 14 credits or more from ICHS specialized subjects (2 credits or more from special lectures, 2 credits or more from seminars, and 10 credits from special research).

2 Students enrolled in the Doctoral Program and taking the ICHS program shall, under the guidance of their supervisors, in accordance with Appended Table 3, acquire at least 12 credits, comprising 2 credits or more from ICHS common subjects, and 8 credits or more from ICHS specialized subjects (2 credits or more from special lectures, 2 credits from seminars and 4 credits from special research).

(Enrolment in Subjects)

Article 22 To enroll in subjects, students shall, under the guidance of their supervisors, submit a registration form to the dean by the designated date.

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

3 Credits earned for subjects taken at another graduate school pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph may be approved as credits as stipulated in Article 19 through the preceding Article after deliberation by the Faculty Council; provided, however, that, in the Master's Program, such approval shall not be granted for the credits in the categories specified in Article 19, Items 1 and 2, and the number of credits approved shall not exceed 6 credits.

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

Article 23 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 as stipulated in Articles 19 through 21 after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Approval of Credits Acquired Prior to Admission)

Article 24 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 approved as credits as stipulated in Articles 19 through 21.

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

Article 25 With approval of the Faculty Council, students may be permitted to receive some research supervision at another graduate school of the University. 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, students 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 this case, the period for which they can receive said research supervision shall not exceed one year for Master's Program students.

(Study Abroad)

Article 26 In accordance with the stipulations in Article 24 or the preceding Article, 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 27 The period of leave of absence shall be set at no more than one year; however, the dean may allow an extension of the period of leave of absence of up to one year if there are any special circumstances. The same shall apply to students who would like another extension upon the conclusion of said period of extension.

2 The cumulative leave of absence period may not exceed two years for Master's Program students or three years for Doctoral Program students.

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

(Awarding of Credits)

Article 28 The 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 29 Dissertation screenings and final examinations shall be governed by the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on April 1, 2004), and the Graduate School of Health Sciences Bylaws to the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on March 31, 2008).

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 29-2 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 30 Students who have remained enrolled in the first division Master's Program for at least two years, who have earned the credits as stipulated in Article 19, Article 21 or Article 21-2, Paragraph 1, 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, students who have demonstrated excellence in their academic work may be permitted to graduate after one year of study in the Master's Program.

2 In the case referred to in the preceding paragraph, assessment of the results of research on a specific project may be substituted for the master's thesis screening when deemed appropriate by the Faculty

Council.

(Requirements for Completion of the Doctoral Program)

Article 31 Students who have remained enrolled in the second division Doctoral Program for at least three years, who have earned the credits as stipulated in Article 20 or Article 21-2, Paragraph 2, 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 is deemed to have achieved exemplary research results according to the criteria separately established by the Faculty Council may be permitted to graduate after one year of study (or a total of three years for a student who has completed a master's program , the Master's Program or a professional degree program within two years).

(Certification of Completion)

Article 32 Certification of program completion as described in the preceding two articles shall be conducted by the Faculty Council.

(Long-Term Enrollment)

Article 33 Students who wish to complete their studies in a planned manner over a specific period of time that exceeds the standard period of enrollment due to working or other circumstances may undertake said planned enrollment (hereinafter referred to as "long-term enrollment") after obtaining permission from the dean.

2 Necessary matters concerning longer-term enrollment shall be stipulated separately.

(Conferral of Degrees)

Article 34 Master's degrees or doctoral degrees will be conferred on persons who have completed respective prescribed programs.

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

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(Special Auditors)

Article 35 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 36 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 school 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.

(Non-Degree Students)

Article 37 Persons who wish to enroll in specific subjects in the Graduate School may be permitted to enroll as non-degree students after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Necessary matters concerning non-degree students shall be stipulated separately.

(Research Students)

Article 38 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 supervisors.

3 Necessary matters concerning research students shall be stipulated separately.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 39 In addition to the stipulations of these rules, the Faculty Council shall stipulate any other necessary matters.

Supplementary Provisions

These rules come into effect on April 1, 2008.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2009)

These rules come into effect on April 1, 2009.

Supplementary Provisions (March 29, 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 at 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 Tables 2 and 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 at 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 Article 5-2, Article 21-2, Article 30 and Appended Table 2 (with the exception of the provisions pertaining to the CNS course).

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the revised provisions of Article 21, Article 30, and Appended Table 2 (limited to the provisions pertaining to the CNS course) shall apply starting with students admitted in the 2009 academic year.

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 at 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 (with the exception of the provisions pertaining to the CNS course), and Appended Table 3.

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding article, the revised provisions of Appended Table 2 (limited to the provisions pertaining to the CNS course) shall apply starting with students admitted in the 2010 academic year.

Supplementary Provisions (March 26, 2014)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2014.

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 at the Graduate School as an enrolled students on or after April 1, 2014, the previous rules shall remain applicable, with the exception of the revised provisions of Article 29-2.