Located in the southernmost part of Japan, Okinawa encompasses nearly 40 inhabited islands, both large and small, across 1,000 kilometers of ocean east-west and 400 kilometers north-south. The mission of Okinawa Prefectural College of Nursing (OPNC) is to train competent nurses who can provide support to these island people, so that those living even in the most remote areas can maintain, improve, and recover their health. OPCN opened its doors in 1999 with the aim of training nursing professionals in Okinawa and has produced 696 graduates to date. We are committed to advancing our health care education, which is unique in this area, in service of the citizens of Okinawa and to nurture professional nurses with a global mind-set and practical problem-solving skills.

We welcome prospective students who….

- have great interest in life and health, and who are passionate about contributing to society
- aspire to learn about a wide range of disciplines
- are interested in health care and nursing, including health care for those living on islands and in remote areas
- are interested in different cultures and are willing to take an international perspective to learning
- are committed to their studies and abide by our educational policy and regulations
School of Nursing

Special Features of the School of Nursing

- Nurses develop a knowledge of Okinawa’s unique and special culture
- All graduates acquire qualifications of candidacy for registered nurse and public health nurse
- The admitting system is operated under recommendation of the head of municipalities, to encourage more nurses to practice on the islands
- Entrance fees are reduced for students from Okinawa Prefecture

School of Nursing Curriculum (5 subject groups)

- Comprehensive subjects that help students to integrate knowledge and attitudes for nursing practice learned thus far as well as develop the ability for lifelong learning
- Subjects that teach essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes as a foundation of nursing practice and as common knowledge for nursing at all development stages
- Subjects that teach knowledge, skills, and attitudes specific to nursing practice at each development stage in the life span
- Subjects that teach a foundation for understanding nursing
- Subjects that provide broad knowledge and develop humanity

Licenses you can obtain

- Degree of Bachelor of Nursing
- Qualifications of candidacy for registered nurse and public health nurse
- Qualification of candidacy for nurse midwife for those students who take extra nursing classes
- Acquisition of school nurse second class license with credits for specified classes and with a public health nurse license
- Opportunity for graduate school education, to become an advanced class professional

A good environment supporting education

- Consistent education from undergraduate through graduate level
- Diverse faculty support for learning in health and medicine
- Distant education system operating
- School Library adds new books, visual materials, magazines, and databases every year. It is also open in the evenings and on the weekends.

National Exam Pass Rates

- OPCN 100% 91.8%
- R.N. 100% 91.8%
- P.H.N. 97.4% 86.3%
- N.M 90.0% 97.2%

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General A good environment supporting education

Comprehensive subjects

Supporting subjects

Comprehensive subjects that help students to integrate knowledge and development of nursing at all development stages

Life-span Developmental Health Nursing subjects

Subjects that teach a foundation for understanding nursing as a foundation of nursing practice and as common knowledge

Subjects that teach essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes

Subjects that provide broad knowledge and life-span needs, from prenatal to end-of-life care.

Frontiers of Health Nursing provides nursing practice, education, and research in putting into practice information regarding nursing practice, distance learning, and nursing care for advanced medicine as well as community development on the islands.

Life-span Developmental Health Nursing provides nursing practice, education, and research based on community care, especially on the islands and depopulated areas of Okinawa. This field covers lifetime needs, from prenatal to end-of-life care.

Inter-cultural Health Nursing provides nursing practice, education, and research in hospitals, institutions, or the community to resolve problems in health and nursing. This field unifies nursing knowledge and skills for multiple cultures in Japan.

Special Features of the Graduate School

—Education is provided in “Island Health Nursing” because we are situated in the island prefecture of Okinawa
—Clinical nurse specialist education is provided in the fields of “Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing”, “Chronic Nursing”, "Geriatric Nursing", and "Cancer Nursing"
—Many students who are working full-time take classes at the Graduate School
—The Graduate School supports students to prepare for the admission examination

Graduate School Curriculum (3 fields, 6 areas)

Inter-cultural Health Nursing

○Health Nursing Administration
○Community Health Nursing

Life-Span Developmental Health Nursing

○Maternal and Child Health Nursing
○Adult and Geriatric Health Nursing

Frontiers of Health Nursing

○New Areas of Health Nursing
○Island Health Nursing

Graduate School

Additional Nurse Midwife Course

Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is to resolve the midwife shortage in Okinawa. RN students study for one year to become nurse midwives who carry out regular deliveries and health administration. This course also contributes to Maternal and Child Health on the islands.

Course Curriculum

First Term

○Lecture
Fundamentals of Midwifery

○Practice in school
Midwifery diagnosis
Midwifery techniques

Midwifery research

Second Term

○Practicum
Midwifery practicum
Women’s health practicum*
Island environment practicum*

Midwifery research
*optional subject

National Exam Pass Rate 94.7% FY2010
2011 Academic Calendar

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| April  | Entrance Ceremony
      | Spring Semester Classes Begin                                         |
| May    | College Opening Commemoration Day                                      |
| June   | 13th OPCN Festival                                                      |
| July   | Open Campus                                                            |
| August | Summer Recess                                                          |
      | Hawaii Study Tour                                                      |
| September | Entrance Examination for OPCN Graduate School                          |
| October| Fall Semester Classes Begin                                            |
| November | Entrance Examination for Special Selection (Nursing Department and Special Course of Midwifery) |
| December | Presentation of Graduation Thesis                                      |
      | Winter Recess                                                          |
| January | National Examination                                                   |
| February | Entrance Examination for General Selection (Special Course of Midwifery) |
      | Entrance Examination for General Selection 1 (Nursing Department)      |
| March  | Entrance Examination for General Selection 2 (Nursing Department)      |
      | Presentation of Dissertation by Graduate Students                     |
      | Graduation Ceremony and Completion Ceremony                            |
      | Spring Recess                                                          |

Access

1. By taxi (Naha Airport to OPCN) approx. 15 min.

2. By monorail & bus
   - Monorail (Naha Airport to Asahibashi) approx. 11 min
   - Walk to Naha Bus terminal approx. 2 min
   - Bus (Naha Bus terminal to Yogi Crossing or OPCN) approx. 15 min

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