

The Center for the Creation and Dissemination of a New Japanese Nursing Sciences Incorporating Culturally Appropriate Care

We aim to establish nursing science that incorporates culturally appropriate care through the creation and verification of clinical nursing knowledge based on cultures and lifestyles in Japan.

1 Objectives of the Program

Development and dissemination of a coherent body of knowledge in Japanese nursing

Construction of a nursing model based on "clinical knowledge" and creation of methodology for theory development

Prepare creative nurse scholars who can take active roles in the generation of nursing knowledge and the delivery of advanced nursing care in a multicultural world

2 Expected Research Outcomes

For local residents:

- Culturally sensitive nursing will be provided to assure comfort and dignity of the consumer.
- Nursing care responding to social changes, such as rapid decline in birth rate and accelerated graying of the population, will be provided.
- High-quality evidence-based nursing care will be provided in various settings.

For nursing practitioners and educators:

- Development of nursing theories based on cultures and lifestyles in Japan will facilitate culturally competent nursing practice.
- Methods and tools for evaluating nursing outcomes will be developed and disseminated.
- Refinement of evidence-based nursing knowledge and techniques will guide high quality nursing practice and education.

Description of Project Research Activities

Interpersonal Relationships in Nursing

- Interpersonal relationships in nursing practice (interpersonal helping relationships with critical patients, patients with chronic health problems, and patients with disabilities)
- Nursing intervention in promotion of comfort for critical cancer patients

Cultures in Organizations and Nursing

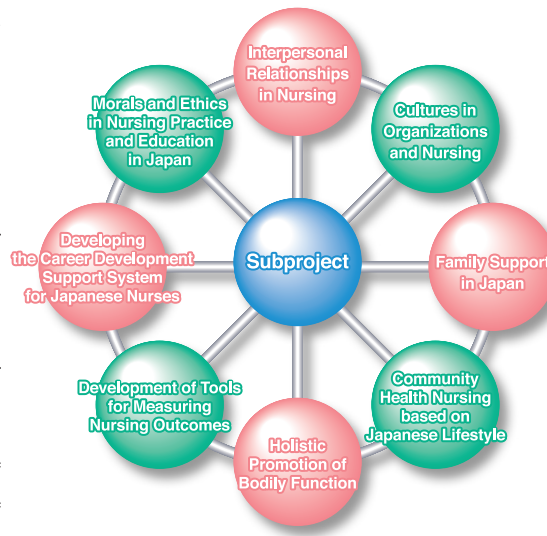
- Hospital ethnography
- Nurses' perception of organizational culture
- Nurses' negotiation in organizational changes
- Nurses' occupational culture: How nurses shape their practice?

Family Support in Japan

- Nursing care for childrearing families
- Nursing care for parents of infants and preschool children with disabilities
- Experiences of families having terminal cancer patients

Community Health Nursing based on Japanese Lifestyle

- Creation of practical nursing knowledge in reflection of community characteristics (child-rearing support, prevention of lifestyle-related diseases, prevention of the house bound-situation)
- Ability to develop policies by administrative nurses
- Creation of nursing practical knowledge for Japanese recovering from an illness at home



Holistic Promotion of Bodily Function

- Development of measures to promote assurance and comfort by enhancing physical functions (including elimination, hygiene, lifestyle rhythm and health self-management)
- Development of analysis tools for facial expressions and postures to detect levels of comfort/discomfort in patients

Development of Tools for Measuring Nursing Outcomes

- Development of a Japanese culture-oriented QOL scale to measure effects of nursing care
- Development of a tool for measuring nursing effects relating to self-care abilities of diabetic patients
- Nursing support for enhancing the QOL of elderly stroke patients in hospital recovery and rehabilitation wards

Developing the Career Development Support System for Japanese Nurses

- The Action Research for Curriculum Vivification of Staff Education in Health Care Institutions and Institutions offering Continuing Education for Nurses
- Research to Identify the Nurses' Cultural Distinctiveness in Japan

Morals and Ethics in Nursing Practice and Education in Japan

- Ethical issues and clinical knowledge in nursing practice
- Effects of nursing ethics education
- Development of nursing ethics education in graduate program

Activities of this Center

Nursing practice and research activities

- Opening of a family support unit at Inonaha campus
- Implementation of nursing programs and evaluation research



International exchange



- Holding of international symposiums and seminars
- Training of junior researchers

Interdisciplinary collaboration

- Research with faculties in humanities and medicine



Information dissemination

- Internet web site and newsletters



Networking between domestic and overseas researchers and practitioners

• Domestic

Hokkaido, Akita, Yamagata,

Ishikawa, Chiba, Tokyo,

Gunma, Gifu, Osaka,

Kyoto, Nara, Okayama,

Nagasaki, Okinawa, others

• Overseas

US, China, Sweden,

Finland, others