

Tsurumi University, School of Dental Medicine

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Tsurumi University traces its origins to Tsurumi Girls' High School, established in 1925 as part of the project commemorating the 600th anniversary of the death of Keizan, a great Zen master who founded Soji-ji Temple, the head temple of the Soto-shu Buddhist sect. Today, Tsurumi University comprises the School of Dental Medicine (coeducational, dentistry course, six years of education), the Faculty of Literature (Department of Japanese Literature, Department of English and American Literature, Department of Cultural Properties, four years), and the Junior College (Course in Japanese literature, Course for nursery school and kindergarten teachers, Course in dental hygienist, two years). Tsurumi University's founding spirit is based firmly on the teaching of Keizan who emphasized "Awakening and Advancement of Humanity. "

School of Dental Medicine

Students at the School of Dental Medicine study liberal arts and specialty course on dentistry. The liberal arts course teaches humanities, natural sciences which include lab work, and foreign languages and health and physical education. To prepare themselves for the specialty course, the students also attend classes on basic medicine introduction to dentistry, anatomy, physiology and biochemistry. During the first two years of the specialty course, the students receive classroom lectures and conduct lab work on a dental pathology, oral microbiology and dental pharmacology. Other required subjects are conservative dentistry, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery. Other curricula provided in parallel with these subjects up to the first half of the fifth year are clinical medicine, related clinical medicine and social dentistry. From the latter half of the fifth year onwards, the students go through a comprehensive clinical internship, which involves actual treatment of patients. Internship is of the utmost importance in developing highly skilled dentists. Our school is outstanding in that this internship is carried out intensively under a carefully planned system and in facilities ideally equipped for both students and patients.

Graduate Course

The Graduate School provides education for doctoral candidates. Graduates concentrate on the study and application of advanced and specialized scientific theories on the basis of the education they received as undergraduates. The graduate course grants a doctoral degree to students who have acquired first-rate research capability which is essential to their independent activities as researchers in specialized fields, and the expertise that forms the basis of their research capability. To obtain the doctoral degree, graduates are required to study for more than four years, obtain more than 30 credits, and after receiving necessary research guidance, pass the screening of their doctoral dissertations and final examinations.

Tsurumi University Dental Hospital

The dental hospital, which serves as a place for both education and medical treatment, has about 260 units of clinical equipment, 32 beds for in-patients as well as state-of-the-art treatment, research and educational facilities. Since 1970, it has served as a medical institution providing treatment for patients covered by the national health insurance, and other health insurance schemes, including elderly people, children, the mentally and physically handicapped and others requiring special treatment. Not only that, the hospital also accepts persons with severe mental and physical handicaps that are difficult to treat at ordinary clinics, and patients requiring advanced treatment (jaw-line and facial prosthodontics). In this way, Tsurumi University Dental Hospital functions as a highly reliable medical institution in the community.

Library

Completed in 1986, the five-story University Library, covering a total floor space of 7,363 square meters, has a vast collection of some 400,000 books and 8,766 magazines. A center of education and research at the University, the library enriches the campus life of the students.

There are reference desks providing instant on-line retrieval using modern databases. The reading room on this floor is furnished with various fixtures, including cubicles and capsule-type desks. There are also rooms for seminars and audiovisual facilities and lounges.

The stack room also contains an extensive collection of priceless materials, such as old hand-copied books and old editions related to Japanese literature, Western literature and medical science. These valuable materials have attracted much attention in academic circles.

Student and Faculty Exchange Programs

Our School of Dental Medicine, known widely for its well-equipped laboratories, hospital equipment and facilities, and excellent educational and research system, is visited by many people from overseas dental colleges. Because of this, a Student and Faculty Exchanges Committee has been set up for visitors from abroad. The School of Dental Medicine concluded sister-school ties with the Beijing Municipal Medical School in China in 1987 and Dankook University in Korea (the Republic of Korea) in 1988, and concluded Academic cooperation and Exchange Program ties with the Faculty of Dentistry, Thammasat University in Thailand, with Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London in the UK, with the University of Melbourne in Australia, and University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka.

Plans are under way to further promote student exchanges with foreign countries, including the United States.

Foreign Students

Undergraduate and Graduate School

Foreign students wishing to enroll in the Undergraduate course and Graduate School course in the School of Dental Medicine must have 12 years of formal education, and 18 years of formal education (with dentistry as the final course) in his/her own country, respectively.

Please contact the Registrar's Office for further information.

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