



1. Classes

1a. Information regarding the International Healthcare and Welfare Program (Minor) was shared at New Student Orientation.

International Healthcare and Welfare Program (Minor) began in April 2022. SCU started the International Rehabilitation Course in the School of Rehabilitation Sciences in 2019 in order to develop professionals necessary in this global age. The International Healthcare and Welfare Program (Minor) is an expansion of this program which is open for all schools and departments.

The faculty members who are in charge of the program from each school explained about the International Healthcare and Welfare Program (Minor) including its overview, features, curriculum, course completion, and registration procedures. Also, International Rehabilitation Course students introduced their experiences and learning in the course using a video they created.

For more information about the International Healthcare and Welfare Program (Minor), please check the website (<https://www.seirei.ac.jp/department/intlprogram/>).

Original article in Japanese: <https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/20210412g01/>

1b. Child Health Nursing Symposium was held at the Nursing Integration Seminar 2022

Original article in Japanese : <https://blg.seirei.ac.jp/ns/2022/04/2022-d58a.html>

1c. Seirei Developmental Support Specialist (tentative name) starts in AY2023

Original article in Japanese: <https://blg.seirei.ac.jp/sn/2022/05/2023-21e8.html>

2. On-campus Events

2a. Entrance Ceremony 2022 was held on Monday, April 4

On Monday, April 4, a joint entrance ceremony for SCU, Graduate School, and Vocational College of Care Work was held at the Act City Hamamatsu. As in the previous year, the ceremony was held on a reduced scale in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the new students and their parents, the faculty and staff were all able to attend. A total of 408 students enrolled this year: 160 in the School of Nursing, 106 in the School of Rehabilitation Sciences, 90 in the School of Social Work, 17 in the Midwifery Course, 5 in the Graduate Program in Nursing, 7 in the Graduate Program in Rehabilitation Sciences, 1 in the Graduate Program in Social Work, and 22 in the Vocational College of Care Work.

After Bible reading and prayer, President Shohei Ohgi gave an address to the university and graduate school students, and Principal Yukari Noda gave an address to the vocational college students. In response, Kazuki Suzuki, a student of the Department of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences in the School of Rehabilitation Sciences and Shoga Yamamoto, a student of the Vocational College of Care Work made pledge speeches as the representatives of new students.

President Ohgi gave words of encouragement to the incoming students who aspire to become professionals in healthcare, medical care, social welfare, and education. He hoped that they would develop their characters based on the Christian spirits, "the dignity of life" and "Love Thy Neighbor", which are the founding spirits of the university. He also hoped that they would become professionals who contribute to people's lives, health, everyday life, education, social welfare, and world peace.

Original article in Japanese: <https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/20220405n2/>

2b. The President's Awards 2022 were presented on April 6 and 7

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3. Research and Other Activities

3a. Lecture commemorating the establishment of the "International Healthcare and Welfare Program" was held

On Saturday, April 23, a lecture commemorating the opening of the "International Healthcare and Welfare Program" was held at the Act City Hamamatsu Congress Center. Dr. Masaru Murakami, a chairman of Peshawar-kai and PMS (Peace Japan Medical Services), was invited as a lecturer and more than 120 people attended the lecture including those attended online. The purpose of the lecture was to provide an opportunity to learn about international support activities that sustain lives and to think about what it takes to become healthcare, medical care, and social welfare professionals needed in this global era through the International Health and Welfare Program from the activities of Dr. Tetsu Nakamura, who was engaged in medical activities in Pakistan and Afghanistan as a doctor, saving the lives of more than 100,000 people and subsequently supporting the Afghan people.

In his lecture, Dr. Murakami first introduced Dr. Nakamura's personality and beliefs, and then he talked about Dr. Nakamura's medical activities in doctorless areas across both Afghanistan and Pakistan, and how he constructed the "PMS Hospital" in Peshawar, which serves as a base of activities. He then introduced, by sharing many images, the reconstruction of existing irrigation canals throughout Afghanistan, where drought has worsened, in order to restore farmland that has become deserted. He also mentioned that PMS will focus on the reconstruction of self-sufficient rural villages by the Afghan people themselves, and that it will continue Dr. Nakamura's project and carry on his hope. There were many questions from the participants after the presentation.

At last, Associate Professor Makoto Nejishima, School of Rehabilitation Sciences, gave an introduction of the International Healthcare and Welfare Program. He mentioned that there are many people in the world who do not have sufficient access to healthcare, medical care, and social welfare, that there is an increasing number of foreign users and staff in the field in Japan, and that human resources who can work with people of diverse backgrounds and practice healthcare, medical care, and social welfare are in demand both in Japan and abroad. He concluded explaining that this program allows students to systematically study beyond the boundaries of the schools as a minor.

Original article in Japanese: <https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/n220423/>

3b. Graduate student's paper was published in "*Renal Replacement Therapy*" (School of Rehabilitation Sciences)

Original article in Japanese: <https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/20220428n2/>

3c. Dr. Tomohiro Yasuda's review article (single-authored) was published in the Swiss journal "*Cells*" (School of Nursing)

Original article in Japanese: <https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/20220428n4/>

3d. A paper authored by Associate Professor Hiroki Yabe was published in "*International Urology and Nephrology*" (impact factor 2.37) (Department of Physical Therapy)

Original article in Japanese: <https://www.seirei.ac.jp/information/20220517n1/>

3e. An article authored by Clinical Associate Professor Noriko Nakamura (Deputy Director of Nursing, Seirei Hamamatsu General Hospital) was published in an international book (School of Nursing)

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