Greetings

The Department of Global and Community Health Nursing welcomes graduate students who are

interested in research on HIV and STI prevention, culturally competent care for the LGBTIQ

community, and sexual health promotion.

Our research interests include community-based HIV prevention and sexual health promotion, such

as improving cervical cancer screening behavior and improving access to healthcare among the

LGBTIQ community. We conduct our research using health behavior science and health promotion as

the foundation.

Noriyo Kaneko

Professor, Ph.D., MPH, R.N.

History of this Field

Professor Emeritus Seiichi Ichikawa established this department and Professor Emeritus Seiichi

Ichikawa established this department and after her retirement in 2015, her position was taken

up/assumed/filled by Professor Michiyo Higuchi. Currently, three faculty members are in charge of

education and research training for undergraduate and graduate students. Since 2022, doctoral

graduate students will be accepted by Dr. Higuchi and Dr. Kaneko, and research seminars will be

conducted by supervisors.

We collaborate with research teams from Hallym University, South korea, University of Brighton in

the UK, and LGBT NGOs in Mongolia.

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Members

Faculty

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Graduates (2014-2016 academic year)

Ryohei Terao

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Junko Hatanaka

Graduate students' published papers (English papers):

- Ryohei Terao, Noriyo Kaneko: Survey of School Nurses' Experiences of Providing Counselling on Sexual Orientation to High School Students in Japan. International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health, doi: 10.1515/ijamh-2019-0167. 2020.
- Kaori Nagai, Akiko M. Saito, Toshiki I. Saito, Noriyo Kaneko: Reporting quality of randomized controlled trials in patients with HIV on antiretroviral trials, 18(1):625. doi 10.1186/s13063-017-2360-2 2017.
- Terao R., Kaneko N., Higuchi M.: Experiences of consulting with junior and senior high school students about cyberbullying and related factors among school nurse teachers. School Health Research, 59(4): 288-294. 2017.
- Hatanaka Y, Shimokata K, Ohsugi S, Kaneko N: Effects of drinking and smoking habits on the risk of developing cerebrovascular diseases among working men, Journal of Occupational Health, 58(5), 155-163, 2016.

Research interests of Supervisor: Noriyo Kaneko

I encountered HIV prevention research when I studied at the School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham in the United States. Since then, I have engaged in community-based HIV prevention research for more than 20 years. In Japan, more than 70% of new HIV infections occur among bisexual gay men. I have a strong desire to conduct research that can contribute to effective programs for those in need of intervention. It is in this light that I have been working with NGOs and CBOs.

Ongoing Research

HIV prevention among bisexual gay men is my primary research topic. I am also working on improving healthcare access among transgender and females' access to cervical cancer screening. In particular, my research focuses on diversity among clients. My team members have conducted research that emphasizes dialogue with various stakeholders, such as the individuals concerned and the government, because it is necessary to understand each other, reach a compromise, and determine where to draw an appropriate line between the parties involved. Research activities are indispensable to identify the problems, to clarify the current situation, and to find solutions. We also emphasize the importance of disseminating the research results to all concerned parties, interpreting the results, applying the results to our activities, and in turn, giving back to society.

In recent years, we have been conducting research on the following themes

- Community-based prevention activities for HIV and AIDS
- · Improving access to health services for transgender population
- Promoting women's cervical cancer screening behavior
- Health promotion for sexual minorities

For Prospective Graduate School Applicants

The path to a degree and your career afterward/and career opportunities

Many students may experience challenges balancing their work with their graduate studies; however, our university offers an advantage in its convenient location and the provision of lectures in the evening to accommodate students who also work. Even so, I still believe that it is difficult to obtain a degree, especially a doctorate, without devoting a certain amount of time to research and study. I hope you understand that it will inevitably take a a significant/considerable amount of time to read papers, coordinate with related parties, and so on. We would like to help you obtain your degree in the most satisfactory way possible; therefore, please contact us if you are interested in continuing your studies.

To date, nearly half of the graduates of our graduate school have become faculty members at universities and other institutions and are engaged in the training of future generations; some graduates are active in NPOs, while others are public health nurses or at clinical trial centers. We also provide consultation and advice regarding finding employment in an academic position in an academic post and building a career plan.

We believe that while achievements, accomplishments, and individual efforts are necessary to find a desired position, luck, research themes, and encounters with people also play major roles. Even if it does not immediately lead to your desired career, we would like to support you in continuing your research as long as is necessary, and helping you increase your eligibility as opportunities arise, if in line with your meaning.