

Decision of Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

The University of Tokushima complies with the Standards for the Establishment of Universities and other relevant laws and regulations, and meets the Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities set by NIAD-UE.

Good practices identified by the review committee include:

- The process of recruiting professors, in which the faculty council explains the selection policies to the Board of Executive Directors and gains approval before carrying out open call for application, and in which the council briefs the board on a multiple number of suitable candidates chosen from among the applicants and gains approval before selecting and reporting a candidate to the president,
- Each faculty carrying out teaching evaluation surveys and questionnaire surveys targeting graduating students every year, and also questionnaire surveys among graduates and their employers whenever necessary, as part of the university's self-assessment; and the university making the results publicly available in a "report on questionnaire surveys to verify the outcomes and effects of education," and taking steps to reflect student needs, requests from society, and other findings of these surveys as to the content of the university's education,
- The "Systematic Graduate School Education by the Medical Fields Cluster" program, selected in FY2009 for the Program for Enhancing Systematic Education in Graduate Schools offered by MEXT, in which the "education clusters" in different fields of specialty provides interaction-oriented education for students selected from the university's five graduate schools in medical fields to develop the world's top-level life scientists,
- The "Career Education Program for Encouraging Students to Enhance Their Career Potential," selected in FY2010 in MEXT's Support Program for Preparing University Students for a Career, in which the four-year Career Education Program of the University of Tokushima is offered in the Faculty of Integrated Arts and Sciences and the Faculty of Engineering to help students better prepare themselves for career,
- The "Program for Developing Human Resources in the Chugoku and Shikoku Regions in Collaboration with Industries and Governments" (a joint program

involving 18 universities and junior colleges as well as business organizations and governments in the Chugoku and Shikoku regions), selected in FY2012 in MEXT's Program for Creating Systems for Enhancing and Augmenting Education to Respond to the Needs of Industry (to be carried out through FY2014), in which the university, together with the other program participants, strives to achieve the objectives of the three themes,

- The “Educational Support Program to Encourage Career Progression of Graduated Pharmacists,” selected in FY2008 in MEXT’s Program for Promoting Education Responding to the Needs of Adults Who Want to Return to School; and the experiences gained from the program being utilized to build a system for cooperating with stakeholders that include regional pharmacist associations and to provide education for undergraduate and graduate students in the “Reform of Pharmacy Education through Collaboration of Regional Universities (in Shikoku Area)” program (to be carried out through FY2016), selected in MEXT’s FY2012 Program for Promoting Inter-University Collaborative Education,
- Developing research-minded, highly skilled medical professionals specializing in cancer treatment in programs selected in MEXT’s Human Resource Development Plan for Cancer (from FY2007 through 2011) and Promotion Plan for the Platform of Human Resource Development for Cancer (from FY2012 through 2016),
- The university’s Center for Innovation and Creativity Development and Center for u-Learning, in cooperation with its Center for Administration of Information Technology and Center for University Evaluation, serving the basic functions to have in place “an environment friendly to education and learning,” in which the university’s information and communications technologies are used to support the u-Campus Project of the Faculty of Engineering, develop and widely use the e-learning system, and provide a portal website, a class registration system, a database for teachers and researchers, and other services, and
- The “Improving Educational Quality of Universities and Colleges through the Shikoku Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education” program, selected in FY2008 in MEXT’s Support Project for Strategic University Collaborations, in which the university conducts faculty and staff development activities in collaboration with other universities, junior colleges, and colleges of technology in the Shikoku region through, for example, holding forums and training workshops.

Areas for improvement identified by the review committee include:

- An excessive admission rate above the admission capacity at some graduate schools.

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