



Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Kampo Pharmaceutical Sciences Course

Trains specialists in medical care integrating Eastern and Western medicine



The wide-ranging field of Kampo pharmaceutical sciences covers all disease-related disciplines, including the prevention and treatment of diseases, the prevention of the side effects of Western medicine, the diagnosis and treatment of “mibyō” (a state between health and sickness), and palliative care. It is an indispensable part of medical care in the 21st century.

The Kampo Pharmaceutical Sciences Course trains specialists in integrated medical care in the knowledge and techniques of both Western and Kampo medicine in order to use them freely. The Course trains pharmacists to provide integrated medical care that combines the advantages of Eastern and Western medicine in a comprehensive approach to personalized medicine known as “tailor-made medicine”.

Pharmacists integrating Western and Eastern medicine

Graduates are employed in pharmacies, manufacturing companies, or research institutes as Kampo specialists who are familiar with both Eastern and Western medicine. They work in the areas of team medical care and home care, and support patients' self-medication.

In Japan, Western medicine forms the basis of mainstream medical practice. However, Western medicine alone cannot provide the most complete medical care possible. They require the complementary one to Western medicine, and it is “Kampo medicine,” the Japanese herbal medicine developed from ancient Chinese medicine. However, most Japanese pharmaceutical universities do not provide sufficient training in Kampo medicine, and there are very few pharmacists in actual medical settings with adequate knowledge and experience in this area. Therefore, the Course offers training in Kampo medicine and its integration into modern medicine, thus fostering unique pharmacists capable of integrating Western and Eastern medicine.



Message from student

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I chose Nihon Pharmaceutical University because both my sisters go to the university and it has an extensive scholarship program. I am aiming to be a nationally qualified pharmacist. The reason I chose the Kampo course was because it is only the Kampo specialists who have prescription rights among pharmacists, and I wanted to acquire this knowledge. In modern Japan, Eastern medicine and Western medicine are usually considered separately. One day, I would like to contribute to creating a society where the two medicines coexist. In the university, the relationship between students and teachers is very close, and I think the university provides an environment that opens many opportunities for interested students.