

University Accreditation Results
(Results for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for university)

Gifu Pharmaceutical University



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| Basic Information of the Institution | |
| Ownership: Public | Location: Gifu, Japan |
| Accreditation Status | |
| Year of the Review: 2013 | |
| Accreditation Status: accredited (Accreditation Period: April.01.2014 – March.31.2021) | |

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Notable Strengths

Faculty and faculty organization

- It is commendable that Gifu Pharmaceutical University (hereafter, the University) has conducted an innovative reform of the employment system that has contributed to the improvement of quality of teaching. The University adopted the limited term employment system for full-time faculty and research assistants in 1998. It has also evaluated faculty and research assistants in terms of “educational activities,” “research activities,” “services in university operation,” and “contribution to society” to determine the renewals of their employments. The University also publishes the summary and results of the evaluation on its webpage.
- It is commendable that the University offers following research funding with open competition to stimulate the research activities. The University offers an “In-house Special Research Fund,” targeted at young faculty members and publicly solicits the research themes. The University also publicly recruits candidates to receive research money through the “Supporting Fund for the Promotion of Researches for the Development and Creation of Medicine” as a joint project with Gifu University.

Social cooperation and contribution

- It is commendable that the University has been actively involved in the production of intellectual properties. The University has a clear provision for the management of intellectual properties and promotes an intellectual property policy that states that “the University is required to make contribution to society by applying the intellectual properties acquired as a result of research,” thus indicating a clear vision for and ways of applications of intellectual properties. By actively seeking collaboration with industries, other academic institutions, and governments, the University has obtained many patents.

Suggestions for Improvement

Education and research organization

- While “Education Center of Green Pharmaceutical Science” is the distinctive organization to implement “Green Pharmacy Education” proposed by the University, no full-time staff has been hired for this center. A full-time staff person should be hired to achieve the mission and purpose of the University through making the collaboration of administrative and teaching functions possible.

Educational content, methods, and outcome

- In the Department of Pharmaceutical Science in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, the credit limit students can register for has not been set. The department should improve the situation in accordance with the purpose of having a credit system.
- The Graduate Schools of Pharmaceutical Science has not clarified the criteria for examining degree-seeking theses and dissertations. These criteria should be

clarified by each program, and stated in the student handbook and made public.

- In the doctoral program of Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Science, some students complete all the requirements except dissertation, and leave the university before completing their dissertation requirement within the time limit set by the university. Later, when these students submit their dissertations, even though they do not have enrollment status, they are granted doctoral degrees in the same manner as those students continuously enrolled. This is not an appropriate use of the system. The University needs to reconsider the ways to administrate the course-based doctoral program, and in accordance with the purpose of having such a doctoral program, the university should also create measures to enhance the degree completion within the required time frame.

Education and research organization

- At the Mitahora Campus Library, the certified librarian is a temporary staff member. A full-time librarian with professional knowledge of library science should be hired.

Area of Serious Concern

Enrollment

- In the last five years, the average of the ratios of enrolled freshmen to the freshman admission cap has been high at 1.20 in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, and the ratio of enrolled freshmen to the freshman admission cap is high at 1.28, and the ratio of enrolled students to the student enrollment cap is high at 1.26 in the Department of Pharmaceutical Science. These numbers must be improved.