Course title: Practicum in Research Design

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Target year: Professional degree students
Number of credits: 1
Course offered year/period: 2017/First semester

Day/period: Fri.2 開講日注意
Class style: Seminar
Language: Japanese and English

[Outline and Purpose of the Course]
This course will provide basic procedure or practical skills to conduct a healthcare research. Additionally, students will be able to learn how to convert concepts into measurable variables, and how to assess reliability or validity for measuring variables.

[Course Goals]
To convert vague questions to structured abstracts.
1) To convert vague questions to answerable and structured research questions (RQ)
2) To understand concepts and how you convert concepts into measurable variables
3) To convert RQ into conceptual model
4) To understand the theory and practice in measuring variables
5) To select the adequate study design to fit your RQ
6) To understand the third factors
7) To understand how you can refine quality of comparison in analytical study
8) To design and conduct survey research.

[Course Schedule and Contents]
1 April 21 Conceiving and structuring your research question
2 Aprils 28 Dealing with confounding factors
3 May 12 Conceiving and structuring your research question
4 June 2 Designing measurement
5 June 9 Dealing with bias
6 June 16 Selecting research design
7 July 7 Conducting survey research
8 July 14 Groups' presentation

[Class requirement]
* MPH Elective, MCR Required
* You need to take or had taken ① + ② + ③
  ① "Epidemiology" or "Epidemiology ②"
  ② "Epidemiology ③"
  ③ "Observational research"

[Method, Point of view, and Attainment levels of Evaluation]
Perspiration in small group learning 50%, Presentation about protocol outline 50%.

[Textbook]
Instructed during class

Continue to 研究デザイン演習 (2)
### Reference books, etc.

(Reference books)

- Fukuhara S. "Guidepost for clinical research: Learning study design by 7 steps" (www.i-hope.jp/publication)
- Hulley S. "Designing Clinical Research 2nd ed" (William & Wilkins)
- Fukuhara S. "Conceiving and structuring your research question" (www.i-hope.jp/publication)
- Matsumura S. "Building conceptual model" (www.i-hope.jp/publication)

### Regarding studies out of class (preparation and review)

- small group learning and discussion
- students presentation of research protocol

### Others (office hour, etc.)

- This class is not open to students from graduate school of human health science.

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