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The practicum institutions for the community health nursing (Public Health Nursing) in our country mainly include municipalities and public care centers. It is rare to learn the primary care nursing at clinics. In Chiba, population as well as Healthcare and Welfare services are concentrated in the north. The south of Chiba, Awa area where our college is located, the outflow of population is also noticeable and the population is aging and shortage of skilled workers is growing. Shortage of skilled workers who support the aging society in Japan becomes more serious, which is called 'Year 2025 problem'. Accordingly, the functions of Healthcare and Welfare services will be significant therefore; we enhance the practicum by committing the primary care at clinics. We discussed and considered about the significance of the primary care nursing at clinics with a practicum instructor of a clinic (Head Nurse) and a faculty member of the community health nursing in the college. As a result, the significance of the primary care nursing at clinics in Awa area is to protect the dignity of people and support self-care. It is based on the behavioral science and promotes behavior modification of people. Communication skills have been utilized to respect independence and empower so that people can control their health by themselves. The learning effect on students was promoted while modeling nurses who practice the primary care nursing in the clinical practicum to learn.

Biography

Yuko Suzuki has obtained Doctorate from the Graduate School of Comprehensive Human Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Japan. Further, she continued to the field of the community health nursing in the college and has continued to research to apply the results of the mental health research to the career development research of nursing. She is presently working on creating a program to train primary care nurses.

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