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### **New Graduate Program for Advanced Nursing Specialist in Islands Nursing**

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Purpose: The purpose of this report is to introduce and evaluate our new program for island nursing.

Methods: We viewed and evaluated the results of the program from annual reports. For future aspect, the program was compared with other countries' rural/remote graduate programs.

Results: Eleven new subjects were established in this master's program including eight special subjects for advanced island nursing practice and three for health assessment, pathophysiology and pharmacology. We used TV conference systems or web based IT systems for teaching remote islands' students. Practicum on Remote Island is required for all master students.

Nine nurses were enrolled in this program. Other foreign programs had more credit hours especially on practice and elective subjects such as family practice, public health, and statistical subject.

Conclusions: This program was running by supporting government grant for three years. After that, we need to set in regular master's program with rearranged subjects.