International Partnership and Exchange with the La Source University

Our college has a Memorandum of Understanding with Institut et Haute Ecole de la Santé La Source, a nursing university in Lausanne, Switzerland. This agreement involves the mutual exchange of students and, where possible, visits and collaborative research at faculty level.

Our student exchange with Institut et Haute Ecole de la Santé La Source take place in March, when representative students from the Japanese Red Cross Hiroshima College of Nursing spend three weeks in Lausanne, and in October, when we welcome selected Swiss students to Hiroshima.

While visiting Switzerland, our students get to experience the daily life of Swiss nursing students, while also taking part in educational visits to Geneva-based international organizations, learning about Swiss culture and the Swiss health system, and observing clinical placements in Swiss hospitals.

In similar fashion, students visiting from La Source can learn about the Japanese healthcare system, and can experience hospital visits to observe clinical training. They also get to learn about the role of nursing during and after Hiroshima’s experience of the world’s first atomic bombing, seeing firsthand how the effects of the bombing are still being dealt with today.

Incoming students also take part in educational and social visits, and immerse themselves in the lives of Japanese students, learning about Japanese culture while developing friendships with our students that we hope will endure lifelong.