

NYC report

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In New York, Ms. Janis, Teacher in Pace University, taught us medical English and how to interview in English. We actually took interview and physical examination to standardized patients who is working as an actor or actress on Broadway etc. In addition, We visited Mt. Sinai medical school and the laboratory of Dr. Morishita. On the last day We visited clinics where Japanese doctors and American doctors are working in New York city.

What impressed me was the attitude toward work and medical system in the U.S. In Japan, if there are many patients, there may be cases where it is not possible to treat the patient carefully. However, the examination is completely reserved. A doctor shares the knowledge about the disease while checking the symptoms by taking time with each patient, then a doctor proposed examinations and treatment. People living in the U.S are interested in their own health and disease prevention because I think there are cases where insurance is not available, and the self-pay for medical expenses is high. Therefore, I thought a doctor can take enough time and do exam with each patient because they don't visit medical institution for mild symptoms. I was also impressed that doctors explain exam result not at clinic but by telephone or e-mail.

Through my training in New York, experiencing the medical situation outside Japan expanded my views and motivated me to study English further. In the future, there will be more opportunities to speak English at academic conference and in daily medical care due to globalization, so I would like to apply what I have learned from this experience to the future.