

Nurses Have Role to Improve Community Health

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Nurse is a noble profession because they play a role in improving community health. It is the nurse who witnesses the moment of a baby being born or someone leaving this world. This was said by Vice-Dean for Academic and Student Affairs at Faculty of Medicine UGM, dr. Gandes Retno rahayu, M.Med.Ed., Ph.D., when giving inaugural speech to 21 new nurses in the auditorium of the Faculty on Tuesday (17/7).

Gandes said anyone that works as a nurse should take part in trying to heal patients and family physically, mind, and soul. "What's been taught on campus regarding communication, hard skill and soft skill would at least be able to guide you to work well," she said.

Gandes told the new nurse that inauguration is a celebration, separation, and new beginning. After they have completed their studies for five years, they separate with their fellow students and lecturers while this is also the moment to start to play their role at work or continue to a higher level of education.

"This can be a start for you to choose to work at an isolated place, state borders, or the capital," she said, but she expected them to work seriously so they can become alumni who can make the university proud.



Head of Nursing Study Programme, Dr. Heny Sesuani Pangastuti S.Kp., M.Kes., said the study programme had inaugurated 1,762 nurses so far. This time there are 4 male nurses and 17 female nurses being inaugurated with average study time of 5 years and 3 months.

Heny asked the new nurses to serve the people with their knowledge and competency to improve community health. "I hope you can all implement what you have learned professionally and make the university proud," she said.

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