

2019 Joint Graduate School (Ph.D. Program) in Science of School Education, Hyogo University of Teacher Education

Registration outline (three-year doctoral course)

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Two changes should effect starting in 2019.
The Joint Graduate School will be expanded...To include Gifu University and Shiga University
Enrollment will be expanded...From 32 to 36 students
※Both changes will be finalized once the 2019 budget is approved.

Admissions policy

The Joint Graduate School (Ph.D. Program) in Science of School Education is a three-year doctoral course conducted jointly by four schools: Hyogo University of Teacher Education (as the core institution), Joetsu University of Education, Okayama University, and Naruto University of Education. It is intended to contribute to solutions to contemporary educational issues and qualitative improvements and reforms in school education, through establishing practice-based school education as an individual interdisciplinary field.

The program seeks students who aim to become researchers and specialist educators capable of conducting specialized research on school education practice at a high level and of carrying out independent research and practice in the fields of study of school education practice and course education practice.

Basic policy on selection of applicants

Based on the Admissions Policy of the Joint Graduate School (Ph.D. Program), selection of applicants for admission is based on comprehensive consideration of the results of written examinations, oral examinations, and academic transcripts.

Diploma Policy

In The Joint Graduate School (Ph.D. Program) in Science of School Education, students who complete the required credits, undergo the research instruction, pass the Ph.D. defense and a comprehensive exam, and who have acquired qualifications and skills needed to perform practical education research both independently and cooperatively will be awarded a Ph.D. degree (Science of School Education).

© The flextime curriculum system

The program has adopted a flextime curriculum system offering courses (with some exceptions) at times such as during school vacations, on holidays, and at night, as a special educational method for students currently employed in education or other fields and those beginning employment during their time as students.

1. Numbers of students to be admitted, by major

Field	Department	Students
School Instruction	School Educational Methodology	12
	School Counseling and Human Developmental Support	
Instructional Development in Forefront Issues	Instructional Development in Forefront Issues	6
Content Area Instruction	Language Education	18
	Social Science Education	
	Natural Science Education	
	Fine Arts and Music Education	
	Health and Living Sciences Education	
Total		36

2. Standard number of years required for completion

3 years

3. Requirements for applicants

Applicants must meet any of the following requirements (1) through (7):

- (1) Those possessing, or expecting to possess by March 2019, a master's degree or a professional degree (hereinafter, this refers to a professional degree as defined in Article 5-2 of the degree regulations based on the stipulations of Article 104, Paragraph 1 of the School Education Act [1953 Ordinance no. 9 of the Ministry of Education])
- (2) Those awarded, or expecting to be awarded by March 2019, a master's degree or the equivalent of a professional degree from an institution overseas
- (3) Those awarded, or expecting to be awarded by March 2019, a master's degree or the equivalent of a professional degree from a correspondence course of an overseas institution conducted in Japan
- (4) Those awarded, or expecting to be awarded by March 2019, a master's degree or the equivalent of a professional degree from completion of a course at an educational facility in Japan that offers courses of overseas graduate schools considered a part of the school education system of the relevant foreign country, as designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (5) Those awarded, or expecting to be awarded by March 2019, the equivalent of a master's degree from completion of a course at the United Nations University established pursuant to the December 11, 1972 resolution of the United Nations General Assembly as stipulated in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the "Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University" (Act No. 72 of 1976).
- (6) Persons as designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (1989 Notification no. 118 of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture)
- (7) Persons aged 24 or older, or who will be aged 24 or older by March 31, 2019, deemed through individual admissions screening by the Program to have academic abilities equal to or surpassing those of a holder of a master's degree or a professional degree

Note that applicants under requirements (6) and (7) must complete separate screening to determine if they meet the requirements for applicants.

4. Application deadline

Applications must be postmarked Friday, November 30 - Friday, December 7, 2018

5. Examination schedule and location

Date: Sunday, February 17, 2019

Location: Hyogo University of Teacher Education Kobe Harborland Campus
Kobe Information Culture Building 3F 1-5-7 Higashikawasaki-cho,
Chuo-ku Kobe Hyogo 650-0044

6. Selection method

Selection of applicants for entry shall be conducted through the following methods:

- A. Written examinations (foreign-language exam, specialized exam) (See note at right)
- B. Oral examination

7. How to request the Applicant Guidelines (application form)

Plans call for releasing the Applicant Guidelines in early October 2018.

If you need the Applicant Guidelines, request one from a member university by sending a square-shaped no. 2 return envelope (with the requester's postal code, address, and name clearly indicated and 300 yen in stamps affixed) enclosed in an envelope with "Ph.D. Program Applicant Guidelines request" written in red ink on the outside.

You also may request a Student Application Kit from the website.

Request from:

Hyogo University of Teacher Education, Admission Division; tel. (0795) 44-2067
942-1 Shimokume, Kato, Hyogo Prefecture 673-1494, Japan
Gifu University, Faculty of Education, Student Affairs Section; tel. (058)293-2206
1-1 Yanagido, Gifu, Gifu Prefecture 501-1193, Japan
Okayama University, Faculty of Education, Student Affairs Office; tel. (086)251-7605
1-1 Tsushima-naka 3-chome, Kita-ku, Okayama, Okayama Prefecture 700-8530, Japan

Joetsu University of Education, Admissions Office; tel. (025)521-3293
1 Yamayashiki-machi, Joetsu, Niigata Prefecture 943-8512, Japan
Shiga University, Faculty of Education, Planning Section; tel. (077)537-7701
2-5-1 Hiratsu, Otsu, Shiga Prefecture 520-0862, Japan
Naruto University of Education, Admission Division; tel. (088)687-6131
748 Nakashima, Takashima, Naruto-cho, Naruto, Tokushima Prefecture, 772-8502, Japan

Note:
1. Foreign-language exams
Some departments may waive the foreign-language exam requirement for applicants with at least a certain score on an outside certification examination. (See the Applicant Guidelines to be released in early October 2018 for details.)
2. Written exams for test takers from overseas will be conducted as follows:
Foreign-language exam:
Answers must be in Japanese.
Specialist exam:
Answers to questions on content related to the field of education research may be provided in English.

Address any questions concerning student admissions to:
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