



Nara University of Education

(NARA Prefecture)

◇ University overview

① Characteristics and history

Our university is located in Nara Prefecture, which has been richly endowed with the fragrance of tradition and culture since when it was the ancient Japanese capital, Heijokyo, over 1000 years ago.

Because Nara is located within easy reach of Kyoto and Osaka, many cultural properties which appear in Japanese history are accessible from campus.

The university has over 130 years of history since its establishment as Nara Normal School for Teachers in 1888. As a teacher's college, we have sent many graduates into the educational world.

We work ceaselessly on the improvement and quality of our education in training future teachers, such as the foundation of the School of Professional Development in Education in 2008, and reorganizing two new programs (a professional degree program (In Education) and a master's program) that take advantage of the university's achievements and unique characteristics from 2022.

The university currently has 1,303 students and 95 professors.

② International exchange

• Number of international students

AY 2025: 57 from 18 countries

AY 2024: 60 from 18 countries

AY 2023: 44 from 13 countries

• Number of Teacher Training Students

AY 2025: 4 AY 2024: 6 AY 2023: 2

We are proud to have welcomed 13 Teacher Training Students from Malawi, Indonesia, Liberia, Korea, Philippines, Malaysia, Namibia, Philippines, Morocco, Pakistan, Spain, Kenya, Burkina Faso since 2023.

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

① Characteristics of the program

• Our university is a teacher training center. Because the university is relatively small, professors from diverse research fields can offer classes suitable to every student in each major.

• We have three attached schools and five educational research centers where our students can learn through practice how to teach children during their university studies.

② Number of students to be accepted: 15

③ Period of scholarship: October 2026 – March 2028

④ Requirement for program completion:

If the following requirements are met, the Nara University of Education Subcommittee of the Nara ISC will certify course completion and issue a certificate of completion.

• Take specialized education designated by the accepting faculty member and Japanese language education classes taught by members of the International Strategy Center (approximately 10 hours per week but varies depending on academic advisers).

• Participate in on-the-job training prescribed by the course

• Create a report at the end of this course as an outcome of this course.

⑤ Outline of the course

• Intensive Japanese language education

If we judge that you are required to study basic Japanese language, you will attend the basic Japanese course at the JASSO Osaka Japanese Language Education Center for six months, and then have in-service teacher training at our university for one year. Those who are not required to study Japanese will take in-service teacher training for one year and six months at our university.

• Specialized training

Academic advisors guide students about which classes to attend and may have one office hour to advise students' independent studies and report writing.

• Japanese language and culture

This is conducted by teachers of the International Strategy Center

Exchange and Studies.

Period: Full one year

+ Japanese language: 4 hours /week

+ Japanese Culture: 2 hours /week (in English according to the students' background)

• Practical Training and Participatory Learning

Field study trip (November/April)

Japanese culture experience (January/March/July)

School visit, including opportunities for teaching at a local school alongside Japanese students (tentative)

*You can also join many events planned by the university or community organizations.



Summer school program for elementary and junior high school students in Soni village (2023)



Field study trip to Wakayama (2024)



International Exchange event "rice planting" (2025)



International Exchange event "Nakkyon's cafe" (2025)

◇ Follow-up for graduates

We provide information as needed for Teacher Training students to research, teach, and practice in their countries mainly by email, and our instructors can consult with them.

◇ Accommodations

Students can live in our student residences unless they have special reason not to. Only single rooms are available, so families cannot accompany students unless private accommodation is arranged.

○ Number of rooms

- Single room : We have secured rooms for the number of the Teacher Training Students .

- Couple room : None

- Family room: None

○ Monthly rent: approximately 19,500 yen (Electricity charges for the room and cleaning fees upon move-out are not included. Payment; after the arrival in Japan)

○ Facilities

- Bed(No Futon), desk, chair, wardrobe, etc.

- Shared kitchen with refrigerator, living room, shower and laundry

- Wi-Fi

○ Information for daily life

- It takes about 10 min to Kintetsu-Nara Station by bus, and the closest bus stop is about a 5 min walk. The campus is a 15 min walk from the student residence.

※The Basic Japanese Language Course costs approximately ¥200,000 for a six-month stay in a dormitory at the JASSO Osaka Japanese Language Education Center. The commuting time to school is approximately 2 minutes on foot. If there are no vacancies in the JASSO dormitory, you will be placed in a flat arranged by JASSO or in our university dormitory. In this case, students will need to pay an additional transportation fee.



International Student House

◇ Important Supplemental Information

Students must buy National Health Insurance (about ¥2,500/m) and Comprehensive Insurance for Students Coupled with Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) (about ¥3,000/y). Students also must have a chest X-ray taken in Japan.



Certificate Awarding Ceremony

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