



Nara University of Education

(NARA Prefecture)



The university has established since 1888 as a teacher training college. You can learn not only some theories in the campus but also learn educational practices in our three attached schools.

◇ University overview

○ Characteristics and history

Our university is located in Nara Prefecture richly endowed with the fragrance of tradition and culture since the period of the ancient Japanese capital named “Heijokyo” and have sent many graduates to the educational world as a teacher’s college.

The university has history of 130 years in 2018 since the establishment as Nara Normal School for Teachers in 1888.

We always spend consistent efforts on the improvement and assurance of our education in training future teachers like the foundation of the School of Professional Development in Education in 2008 with the mission to train excellent teachers. You can also approach to many cultural properties which appear in Japanese history because Nara is located within easy reach of Kyoto and Osaka.

○ International exchanges

- Number of international students

AY 2021: 33 from 8 countries

AY 2020: 38 from 9 countries

AY 2019: 56 from 11 countries

- Number of Teacher Training Students

AY 2021: 4 AY 2020: 0 AY 2019: 4

We are proud to welcome 8 Teacher Training Students from Philippines, Myanmar, Brazil, Malawi, Pakistan and Malaysia since 2019.

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

○ Characteristics of the program

- Our university is the teacher training center.

Though the university is comparatively small, the professors of various research fields can afford to offer classes satisfactory to every student of his/her major.

- We have three attached schools and five educational research centers where the students can learn practically and specific how to teach children while they develop their studies at the university

- Number of students to be accepted: 7

- Outline of the course

When we judge that you are required to study basic Japanese language, you will attend the basic Japanese course in JASSO Osaka Japanese Language Education Center for six months first, then will 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.

- Japanese language education

This is conducted by teachers of Center for Intercultural Exchange and Studies.

Period: Full one year

+ Japanese language: 4 hours /week

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

- Specialized training

Academic advisors of the students guide them which classes to attend and may have one office hour for their independent studies.

- Practical Training, Participatory subjects

Field study trip (April/November)

Attending ‘Summer school program’ for local children (organized by Center for Educational Research of Science and Mathematics (August)), School visit (including some opportunities for teaching at a local school with Japanese students), etc. (tentative)

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

◇ Follow-up for graduates

We provide the information necessary to research, teach, and practice in their countries for Teacher Training students mainly by E-mail. And also our instructors provide consultation for them.

◇ Accommodations

Students can settle in our student residences unless they have special reason. The room rent per one month is approximately 18,500 yen. (The electricity expense in your private room is not included in a room rent.) The room is only single. Therefore, you can’t accompany your families.

- Facilities

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

- Shared Kitchen, living room, shower and laundry (There is a refrigerator in a kitchen.)

- There is Wi-Fi inside the Dormitory.

- Information for Daily Life

- It takes about 10min to Kintetsu-Nara Station by bus. It takes about 5min to a closest bus stop. It takes about 5-15 minutes to walk to the campus.

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

◇ Others

Students have to buy National Health Insurance (about 2,500yen/m) and Comprehensive Insurance for Students Lives Coupled with PAS For International Students (about 3,000yen/y) in Japan. Also students have to take a chest X-ray in Japan, too.

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