

**Application Guidelines
for
Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science
(Doctorate Course)
Okayama Prefectural University (OPU)
for
the 2025 Academic Year**



The Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science, OPU offers master's and doctorate courses. These guidelines are for application to the doctorate course.

The Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science offers three concentrations closely related to the Master's Course of Nursing Science, Master's Course of Nutritional Science and Master's Course of Health and Welfare Science. This doctorate course provides education and research aiming to cultivate educators/researchers with advanced knowledge in the field of health and welfare science.

Read the content of each concentration and submit the required documents by the listed deadlines.

Admissions Schedule Overview

Items	Schedule, Examination Venue, etc.
Preliminary Consultation for Disabled Applicants	Until Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Submission of Application for Qualification Screening	Until Tuesday, September 10, 2024 [Applicants falling into Qualification (4) or (6) on page 2]
Interview with the Doctorate Course Supervisor	Until Tuesday, September 17, 2024
Application Period	From Tuesday, September 24, 2024 to Monday, September 30, 2024
Examination Date and Venue	Thursday, October 17, 2024 : at Okayama Prefectural University
Announcement of Successful Applicants	Friday, November 1, 2024
Enrollment Procedures	From Monday, November 11, 2024 to Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Online Application for the 2025 Academic Year Entrance Examination

Okayama Prefectural University implemented an online application system for the graduate school entrance examination from the 2020 academic year to improve applicant convenience and institutional efficiency.

The online application system enables applicants to apply 24 hours a day during the application period and alleviates the need to request the paper-based Applicant Guidelines.

Please note that some documents such as the Certificate of Graduation (Prospective Graduation) and transcripts will still need to be sent by mail.

Availability of the downloadable Applicant Guidelines for each of the examination categories on the official OPU website is to be announced.

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<Important Notice>

The schedule and procedures of the entrance examination may change. Please check for the most recent information on the official OPU website before submitting the application.

I Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science, Okayama Prefectural University

Admission Policy of the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science

The Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science strives to cultivate researchers and other professionals equipped with advanced knowledge, skill and research competence qualified to identify and resolve issues in the field of health and welfare, and who are capable of contributing to the development of a healthy society in which everyone enjoys a healthy and fulfilling life.

Each course conducts entrance examinations according to the admission policy to select students from Japan and abroad

Admission Policy of the Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science

The Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science aims to cultivate practitioners, instructors, researchers, and educators in individual specialties equipped with highly-advanced knowledge that enables them to address a wide range of health and welfare issues through approaches to issues we encounter from the viewpoint of life, nutrition, nursing care, and welfare using their deep sense of ethics and comprehensive ability to make accurate judgments.

Therefore, we seek individuals with broad knowledge and skill in health and welfare as well as a deep sense of ethics, highly rational thought and the ability to make judgments who have advanced academic abilities as they develop and improve their communication skills, including English proficiency, and who are capable of identifying important issues related to health and welfare around the world to develop appropriate measures to address them.

Selection for admission is based on a comprehensive evaluation of a written examination of foreign language proficiency (English), the applicant's master's thesis and Research Project Overview as well as an interview to evaluate rational thinking and judgment, motivation, and personality.

II Application Guidelines of the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science (Doctorate Course), Okayama Prefectural University

1. Enrollment Capacity

(people)

Course	Enrollment Capacity (including adult and overseas students)
Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science	5

(Notes)

1. Adult students are those who engage in the professional practice at any of medical institution, health prevention institution, welfare institution, education and research institution, public office or company at the time of application and will continue to do so after enrollment.
2. Overseas students are those who are of non-Japanese nationality, have “Student” resident status as stipulated in the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Cabinet Order No. 319 of 1951) or be able to obtain “Student” resident status after finishing enrollment procedures.

2. Qualifications for Application

Applicants must :

- (1) Hold a master’s or other professional degree, or plan to hold said degree by March 31, 2025.
 - (2) Hold a master’s or other professional degree in an overseas country, or plan to hold said degree by March 31, 2025.
 - (3) Have completed or plan to complete a correspondence course provided by an overseas school in Japan and hold or plan to hold a master’s or other professional degree, or the equivalent thereof by March 31, 2025.
 - (4) Have been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Notification of Ministry of Education, No. 118 of 1989).
 Those who have been engaged in research at a university or research institute for two or more years and have been recognized by the graduate school as possessing academic ability equal to or surpassing the level of individuals who hold a master’s degree according to the results of the relevant research, after having graduated from a university, or after having completed a 16-year curriculum of school education in an overseas country, or after having completed a 16-year curriculum of school education of an overseas country through correspondence education conducted by a relevant overseas school while in Japan.
 - (5) Have completed the curriculum of an overseas educational facility in Japan recognized under the relevant overseas country’s school education system and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and hold or plan to hold a master’s or other professional degree by March 31, 2025.
 - (6) Have been recognized by the president of OPU as possessing academic ability equal to or surpassing the level of individuals who hold a master’s or other professional degree through individual examination for admission and have reached the age of 24 by March 31, 2025.
- * Applicants wishing to apply for admission under Qualification (4) or (6) will be screened before application is accepted. (See 3. Application Procedures -(9) on page 6.)
- (7) Foreign students must fall into any of the following.
 - ① One who has or will have a master’s degree or a professional degree by March 31, 2025 in a foreign country. (The applicant should have experience and accomplishments in research work.)
 - ② It is desirable that the applicant has a Japanese language proficiency equivalent to the 2nd grade of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test administered by the Japan Foundation and the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services.
 - ③ The applicant’s purpose of studying in Japan should be clear.

- ④ In principle, the applicant should be engaged in research, education, medical care, etc. in his/her native country after completion of the course.
- ⑤ In the Nursing Science Concentration, it is desirable that the applicant is able to listen to explanations in Japanese and understand basic technical terms of nursing science.

3. Application Procedures

(1) Application

Please place all the documents required for the application, including those downloaded from the online application system, in a “Kakugata 2-gou” envelope (332mmH x 240mmW) and submit by simplified registered express mail.

However, you may bring those documents only on the last day of the enrollment procedure period, between 9:00 and 17:00.

When you bring those documents in person, please make it sure to contact Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by the day before you bring them.

Applicants filing from outside of Japan are requested to provide a contact address in Japan to which the entrance examination admission card, letter of acceptance and other documents may be sent. (If no contact address in Japan is listed, the university will send documents to the listed address abroad.)

(2) Application Period

From Tuesday, September 24, 2024 to Monday, September 30, 2024

(Notes)

1. Only those application documents which are sent by simplified registered express mail with postmarked on or before Sunday, September 29 shall be accepted.
 - * In cases where you send documents from outside of Japan, the documents must be reached on or before September 30(Mon), 2024 JST.
2. Please note that we will not provide any information regarding the delivery.

(3) Where to send:

Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division
 Okayama Prefectural University
 111 Kuboki, Soja-shi, Okayama Pref. 719-1197

(4) Application Documents

Application Documents Required	Preparation Procedures
①Application Form (Original Form)	After completing the online application, please print out and submit the required documents in accordance with the Online Application Guidelines provided separately. Please write the name of the supervisor who gave an interview and approval for the application in the “Supervisor who approved your application” column (See the subparagraph 3. Application Procedures -(6) on page 5).
②Certificate of Graduation (Prospective Graduation)	The certificate must be issued and sealed by the president or the dean of the relevant university. Applicants who have graduated or will graduate from our graduate school are exempt.

③ Transcripts	<p>Transcripts must be issued and sealed by the president or the dean of the relevant university.</p> <p>Applicants falling into Qualification (1), (2), (3), (5) or (7) must submit transcripts of the relevant faculty and graduate school, <u>and applicants falling into Qualification (4) or (6) must submit transcripts of the relevant faculty.</u></p> <p>Submit the transcripts listing grades of all credits obtained while at the university.</p>
④ Resume	<p>Applicant must fill out the form provided.</p> <p>Please download the prescribed Form from the official OPU website.</p> <p>Applicants filing from outside of Japan are asked to provide a contact address in Japan for emergencies in addition to an address in their home country.</p> <p>Applicants who have completed or will complete the 15-year or 16-year curriculum of school education in an overseas country are required to include a complete academic history from entrance to elementary school.</p>
⑤ Master's Thesis, etc.	<p>(A) Applicants who hold a master's degree must submit a copy of their master's thesis or the abstract thereof (within 2000 Japanese characters).</p> <p>(B) Applicants who will graduate from a master's program and applicants falling into Qualification (4) or (6) must submit a report of research progress or work content (within 2000 Japanese characters). Materials regarding research presentations and patents, if any, should also be submitted.</p>
⑥ Research Project Overview	<p>Applicants must describe a field and theme of research that they are interested in working on in the Doctorate Course of Health and Welfare Science. (Free Format)</p>
⑦ Others	<p>(A) As for the special entrance examination (for foreign students), if you have any documents certifying your Japanese language ability, please submit a copy of each.</p> <p>(B) Overseas applicants residing in Japan are required to submit a copy of the "certificate of residence" which includes status of residence and period of stay issued by the mayor of the municipal office. Overseas applicants that are not registered residents must submit a copy of the page in their passport that shows their name, birth date and sex.</p>

(Notes)

1. Among the documents required for the application, "④, ⑦ (A) Resume" is available from the website. Use black ballpoint pen for all application forms. Cross out mistakes with a double line and write the correction next to them.
2. Attach Japanese translations of certificates (except those written in Japanese and English) to the documents required for application.
3. Applicants who wish to have original certificates returned should note this when submitting the application forms. The university will make copies and return original certificates.

(5) Examination Fee

- ① Examination Fee
30,000 yen
- ② Payment Method

Please submit payment for the examination fee by one of the methods shown below in

accordance with the online application procedures.

- (A) At a convenience store
- (B) By credit card
- (C) By ATM (Pay-easy payment)/ Net banking

※Fees for Various payments shall be borne by the applicant.

③ Payment period

From Tuesday, September 24, 2024 to Monday, September 30, 2024

④ Refund of Examination Fee

The Examination Fee shall not be refunded except in cases (A) through (B) described below. The amount of refund shall be equivalent to the amount of the Examination Fee. Refund of Examination Fee is made upon request. Applicants who fall into one of the following categories and who wish to request a refund are required to contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by the end of the month in which the relevant examination is held to complete the necessary procedures (Examination Fee Payment Certificate is required for the procedure). For Case (B), the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU will contact the relevant individual.

- (A) Applicants who paid the Examination Fee but did not submit the application documents
- (B) Applicants who paid the Examination Fee but whose application was not accepted
- (C) Applicants who have mistakenly paid the Examination Fee twice

⑤ Examination Fee Waiver Program

A special examination fee exemption is available for those who fall under either (A) or (B) below. When you are eligible for this program, please be sure to contact Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU before you apply online.

- (A) Victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake (2011) or 2018 Japan Floods
*Visit the official OPU website for details.

- (B) Individuals to be completing OPU Graduate School (Master's Program) and planning to enroll in its Doctoral Program

(6) Interview with the Doctorate Course Supervisor

To discuss the content of research conducted in Doctorate Courses in the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science, make appointments for interviews with the supervisor of the doctorate course you wish to enter by no later than **Tuesday, September 17, 2024**. Applicants are also required to obtain approval from the supervisor before submission. Overseas applicants are also required to have an interview with the dean Director or Head of the Concentration before the submission.

The dean Director or Head of the Concentration

Nursing Science Concentration	MORIMOTO Michiko, Prof.
Nutritional Science Concentration	YAMASHITA Hiromi, Prof.
Health and Welfare Science Concentration	TAKATO Jinro, Prof.

Each student can choose an instructor from the following list of faculty in charge of Thesis.

(*This system is scheduled for the 2025 academic year. Some conditions may change.)

Concentration	Name of Supervisor
Nursing Science Concentration	SUMIYOSHI Kazuko, Prof. MORINAGA Yumiko, Prof.
	MIKANE Sakae, Prof. KITAMURA Shinji, Prof.
	OKAZAKI Yuka, Associate Prof. NAGOSHI Megumi, Associate Prof.
	INOUE Sachiko, Associate Prof. SASAKI Shinsuke, Associate Prof.
Nutritional Science Concentration	YAMASHITA Hiromi, Prof. YAMAMOTO Toshiko, Prof.
	IRIE Yasuyuki, Prof. ITO Hideyuki, Prof. TAKAHASHI Yoshitaka, Prof.
	KAWAKAMI Takayo, Prof. TANAKA Koichi, Prof.
	KAWAKAMI Yuki, Associate Prof. IKEGUCHI Motoya, Associate Prof.

Health and Welfare Science Concentration	TAKATO Jinro, Prof. KONDO Rie, Prof. NAKAMURA Hikaru, Prof. SAKANO Junko, Prof. IWAMITSU Kenji, Prof. MURAKOSO Takashi, Prof. TAKEMOTO Yoshihito, Prof. EGASHIRA Tomohiro, Prof. RAKUGI Akiko, Associate Prof. KIRINO Masafumi, Associate Prof. KIMURA Hitoshi, Associate Prof. NIIYAMA Junko, Associate Prof.
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(7) Preliminary Consultation for Disabled Applicants

Disabled applicants requiring special consideration while taking the examination or following enrollment are asked to contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**.

Submit the application after receipt of notice of special measures for examinations and enrollment.

Depending on the nature of the consultation, it may take some time to respond, so please consult with us as soon as possible.

(8) Notes Regarding Application Procedures

- ① Ensure that all required documents are included in the application. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.
- ② Acceptance may be invalidated at any time if any information provided in the application documents is found to have been falsified.
- ③ Changes to applications will not be allowed after submission. In the case of a change of name, address or telephone number, applicants should notify the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU as soon as possible.
- ④ Application documents will not be returned.
- ⑤ Documents will be sent to the contact address specified by the applicant. Applicants filing from outside Japan are asked to specify a contact address in Japan.

(9) Review of Qualifications for Application

Applicants wishing to apply for admission under Application Qualification (4) or (6) in 2 are asked to submit the below-listed documents to the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by no later than **Tuesday, September 10, 2024** for review of the relevant qualification, which must be completed before the application can be accepted. The results of this review will be announced to the applicant.

Applicants are also asked to schedule interviews with the supervisor of the doctorate course they wish to enter before submitting their application.

Documents Required	Preparation Procedures
① Application Form for Review of Qualification for Application	Use the <u>prescribed Form</u> and fill out completely.
② Certificate of Graduation	Certificate issued and sealed by the last school attended.
③ Transcripts	Certificate issued and sealed by the last school attended.
④ Statement of research performance	The <u>prescribed Form</u> is used to describe research performance associated with the applicant's major field.
⑤ A copy of a research paper	Choose one major research paper that you have written and submit a copy with the application.

⑥ Qualifications/Licenses	Copies of licenses relevant to the applicant's major field that may be useful, and a brief explanation of each.
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(Notes)

1. Please download the "prescribed Form" from the OPU website.
2. When the applicant is qualified to apply, both ② and ③ are not necessary.

4. Examination Schedule

(1) Examination Date and Time Table

Exam Date	Thursday, October 17, 2024
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Exam Type (Ordinary/Adult Students/Overseas Students)	Points	Time
Written Examination • Special subject examination related to a concentration Questions related to a preferred concentration are set in English. You can bring an English-Japanese dictionary into the examination room, but electronic dictionaries, dictionaries for specialized terminology, a dictionary containing both Japanese-English and English-Japanese dictionaries are not allowed. Besides English-Japanese dictionary, overseas students are allowed to bring a dictionary in their own language that is equivalent to an English-Japanese dictionary, such as English-Korean dictionary, etc.	100	10:00 to 12:00
Interview • Examinees will be interviewed on mainly their master's thesis and the Research Project Overview.	100	Starting from 13:30

(Notes)

1. Examinees must, according to the Exam Type, enter and be seated in the designated examination room or the interview waiting room by 9:45 or 13:20 respectively. The examination room and the interview room numbers will be posted at the examination venue on the examination day
2. Examinees are permitted to enter the designated examination/interview room within 30 minutes after the beginning of the written examination/interview. However, the examination time will not be extended.
3. Examinees are not allowed to leave the examination room until the designated ending time.
4. Examinees who fail to take either the written examination or the interview shall be eliminated from consideration.
5. Examination of the master's thesis and the research plan will be included in evaluation of the interview.

(2) Selection

Selection for admission is based on a comprehensive evaluation of the applicant's master's thesis and the Research Project Overview, written examination, and interview.

Foreign students shall be as follows:

- ① Applicants for any of the Concentrations are required to have a preliminary interview in Japanese with a person responsible of the chosen concentration and a preferred supervisor whom the applicant wishes to receive instruction from before applying.
- ② The test consists of a written examination of English and an interview, which is conducted in

Japanese. One of the questions in the written examination is different from the one in the examination for Japanese students.

③ Notes Regarding each concentration

(A) Nursing Science Concentration

A foreign student, at their own expense or without nursing qualifications, may undergo several interviews before applying for the course to confirm their academic motivation.

(B) Nutritional Science Concentration

A technical oral examination, including a presentation in Japanese about the outline of the thesis written in the Master's Course, will be conducted during the interview.-

(C) Health and Welfare Science Concentration

The thesis and research plan will also be examined as part of the evaluation process.

(3) Examination Venue

Okayama Prefectural University Faculty of Health and Welfare Science

111 Kuboki, Soja-shi, Okayama Pref. 719-1197

(4) Precautions for Examination

① Belongings on the day of the entrance examination

(A) At least five days prior to the day of the examination, we will announce that the Entrance Examination Admission Card is available for printing via the official OPU website and in an email sent to your registered e-mail address. Print this out and bring it with you. (A4, color, no expanding nor shrinking)

If you haven't received the notification e-mail, you may print out the Entrance Examination Admission Card from the official OPU website.

(B) The Entrance Examination Admission Card must, according to the instruction the proctors, be put on the desk at the time of examination.

Applicants who failed to bring their Entrance Examination Admission Card should have the temporary card issued at the Examination Headquarter without delay.

(C) Do not leave anything on the desk except an Entrance Examination Admission Card, pencils, mechanical pencils, an eraser, pencil caps, a manual pencil sharpener, a watch (sound function must be off), glasses, a handkerchief, tissues (without package), eye-drops, an English or applicants' native language-Japanese dictionary, and a thumb stall.

(D) Examinees are not allowed to use such electronic devices as mobile phones, smartphones, or wearable appliances during taking examination. Never fail to turn off those devices and alarm function before entering the examination/interview waiting room. If an examinee's mobile phone or other device makes a sound during the examination, proctors will remove it from the room, and hold it at the examination headquarters until the end of the relevant examination.

(E) In order to identify the examinee, proctors may ask you to remove masks and/or hats.

(F) Examinees are prohibited from borrowing any items from other examinees during the examination (or interview waiting room).

(G) Examinees are allowed to read any books except for digital books or drink water during waiting for the interview, however examinees must obtain permission from the proctor to do so in advance.

(H) Please bring your lunch, if necessary.

(I) If an examinee left something carelessly in the campus, we will keep it for a certain period since the examination day. However, it will be abolished after the certain period.

② Dishonest behavior

(A) Examinee who behaved dishonestly are ordered to stop taking examination and leave the room at once. S/he cannot continue the examination and all the result shall become invalid. In addition, depending on the nature of the dishonest behavior, we may submit an incident report to the police.

Dishonest behaviors are:

• Intentionally providing false information on the Admission Application Form,

Entrance Examination Admission Card, Photo Card for Entrance Examination Admission, or Answer Sheet

- Cheating on the examination.
- Providing answers to other examinees or helping other examinees to cheat.
- Bringing the examination questions paper out of the examination room before the examination ends
- Bringing the answer sheet out of the examination room before the examination ends
- Opening the examination questions or answering before being told to start answering.
- Using electronic devices, including mobile or smart phones and wearables during the examination period.
- Continuing to answer questions after being told to stop.

(B) Behavior described below may also be deemed dishonest; Examinees who do not follow instructions or deemed to be dishonest will be treated as above (A).

- Wear or holding electrical devices, including mobile or smart phones and wearables without permission during the examination period.
- Interfering during the examination by the sound of mobile phones and watches (ring tone, alarm, vibration, etc.).
- Making false announcements regarding the examination to be advantageous for him/herself or other examinees.
- Disturbing other examinees at the examination venue.
- Disregarding instructions given by proctors.
- Behavior that may spoil the fairness of the examination.

③ Others

(A) In the event of unforeseen circumstances (natural disaster, etc.) that prevent administration of the examination on the predetermined schedule or necessitate emergency contact with applicants, the university will post information on the official OPU website

(B) Any other information will be sent to the e-mail address registered with the online application system.

5. Announcement of Successful Applicants

(1) Announcement Date

10 a.m., Friday November 1, 2024(JST)

(2) Announcement Procedures

The ID numbers of successful applicants are shown on the official OPU website (No announcement will be posted on the bulletin board.)

Visit the “Examination Results” on Post@net, online application site (Post@net portal site) (hereinafter “Post@net”) to check your results. If you passed the examination, please download the “letter of acceptance” and documents required for enrollment. (We do not send a “letter of acceptance” or documents required for enrollment.)

We do not respond to any inquiries via telegram, telephone, mail, e-mail, or etc.

(Note) We have nothing to do with any persons who deal with sending notification of acceptance in campus on the day of Exam. Please note that we do not take responsibility for this matter.

6. Enrollment Procedures

(1) Enrollment Steps

Please check the Examination Result Announcement Page for details regarding enrollment procedures.

Submit the documents described in paragraph (4) below by simplified registered express mail.

However, you may bring those documents only on the last day of the enrollment procedure period, between 9:00 and 17:00.

When you bring those documents in person, please make it sure to contact Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by the day before you bring them.

(2) Enrollment procedure period

From Monday, November 11, 2024 to Wednesday, November 13, 2024
(Due not later than the last day)

(3) Where to Complete Enrollment Procedures

Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division

Okayama Prefectural University

111 Kuboki, Soja-shi, Okayama Pref. 719-1197

(4) Documents Required for Enrollment

Documents Required for Enrollment	Preparation Procedures
① Entrance Examination Admission Card	
② Pledge	Fill out the <u>prescribed Form</u> and affix your seal or signature.
③ Certificate of Residence (Application for Certification)	“Okayama Prefecture Residents” in 7-(1)-① are required to submit this certificate. Fill out the <u>prescribed Form</u> (not the form used by the local government) and have it approved by your relevant local government office.
④ Entrance Fees	Applicants are required to remit the entrance fee listed in 7-(1). Use the form provided by OPU, fill in the required items, and complete the payment procedure. Applicants who will graduate from a master’s course of our university and enroll in our doctorate course are not required to pay the entrance fee.
⑤ 1 photo (For student ID card)	The doctorate course and the applicant’s name should be written on the reverse side of a 4cmHx3cmW color photos (front upper body, no hats, and no background scenery)
⑥ Certificate of Conferment of a Master’s Degree, etc.	Applicants who fall under “2 Qualifications for Application” (1), (2), (3), (5) or (7) and have taken the examination prior to acquiring master’s degree, etc. must submit this certificate. Those who are to acquire a master’s degree from OPU are exempt from submission.

(Notes)

1. Please download “the form provided by OPU” from the Examination Results on Post@net.
2. Certificate of Conferment of a Master’s Degree, etc. described in ⑥ are used to verify the applicant’s qualification for admission (Application Qualifications (1), (2), (3), (5) or (7) shown in 2). Relevant applicants must submit this by **Monday, March 31, 2025**.

(5) Enrollment Procedure Precautions

- ① Enrollment procedures must be completed by the specified date. Applicants who fail to complete the

procedure by the specified date will be deemed to have declined enrollment.

- ② Incomplete documents required for enrollment will not be accepted.
- ③ Documents required for enrollment that arrived after the enrollment procedure period will not be accepted.
- ④ Enrollment documents will not be returned.
- ⑤ Applicants who are not eligible for enrollment as of **Tuesday, April 1, 2025** will not be admitted to enroll.

7. First-Year Payment

(1) Entrance Fee

Payment of the entrance fee is required at the time of enrollment. Instructions will be included with the letter of acceptance.

- ① Okayama Prefecture Residents **188,000 yen**
- ② Non-residents **282,000 yen**

(Notes)

1. "Okayama Prefecture Residents" are defined as either:
 - ① Individual residing in Okayama Prefecture since April 1, 2024, or
 - ② Individual whose spouse or first-degree relative has resided in Okayama Prefecture since April 1, 2024.
2. "Okayama Prefecture Residents" are verified by a Certificate of Residence issued by the mayor of the relevant local government office.
Individuals subject to (Note) 1-② or who have moved within Okayama Prefecture after April 2, 2024 must contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU to submit additional documents.
3. When the Entrance fee is revised, the revised amount of Entrance fee shall be applied.
4. Entrance fees shall not be refunded except for ①, ②, or ③ described below. The amount of refund shall, if it is admitted to be refundable, be equivalent to the amount of the Entrance fee. Refund of the Entrance fee is made upon request from the person who paid the fee. Individuals who fall into any of the following cases and wish a refund must contact the Admissions Service Section, Educational Affairs Division, OPU by Wednesday March 19, 2025 to complete the required procedures (Entrance Fee Payment Certificate is required). For Case ②, the Admissions Service Section, OPU will contact the relevant individual.
 - ① Individuals who have paid the Entrance fee but did not submit the enrollment documents
 - ② Individuals who have paid the Entrance fee but could not complete the enrollment procedures
 - ③ Individuals who have mistakenly paid the wrong amount of Entrance fee

(2) Tuition

- ① Amount (Yearly amount) **535,800 yen**
- ② Ways of payment Tuition will, after enrollment, be paid in two installments for the first semester and the second semester
- ③ Time for payment First semester; the end of July / Second semester; the end of November.

(Note) The tuition is basically paid by account transfer. Please follow the necessary steps at the time of enrollment. Tuition paid will not be refunded. When the tuition is revised, the revised amount of tuition shall be applied.

(3) Insurance Fee, Supporter's Association Fee, Alumni Association Fee

1. Amount

Concentration	Insurance Fee*	Supporter's Association Fee	Alumni Association Fee
Nursing Science	4,150 yen (for 3 years)	53,000 yen <u>Admission fee 20,000 yen</u> + Membership fee (for 3 years) 33,000 yen	<u>10,000 yen</u>
Nutritional Science Health and Welfare Science	3,670 yen (for 3 years)		

*Fees for the Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (Gakkensai), and Insurance for Accidents Involving Third Parties or Their Property for Students Covered Under Gakkensai provided by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (JEES)

(Note)OPU undergraduate or graduate school graduates or prospective graduates are not required to pay the supporter's association enrollment fee or alumni association fee (underlined).

2. Payment Method

Please pay by bank transfer when enrolling. The amount is refundable if enrollment is declined. Payment method for fees will be announced separately.

8. Degree Fields appended on the Doctor's Diploma

Those who completed the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science (Doctorate Course) shall be awarded a doctor's degree. The degree field appended on the doctor's diplomas are as follow.

Nursing Science Concentration	"Nursing Science"
Nutritional Science Concentration	"Nutritional Science"
Health and Welfare Science Concentration	"Health and Welfare Science"

9. Subject Registration for Adult Students

(1) In order to add convenience for adult students to take doctorate courses, the students may, if admitted to be necessary, take research guidance not only in the daytime but also in the evening time (on Saturdays or Sundays, in summer holidays or winter holidays). [In cases where Special Programs for teaching (day/evening courses) provided by the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools (order of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 28, 1974), Article 14 is applied.] Even in this case, however, Nutritional Science Concentration gives lectures and seminars only in the daytime. Please make it sure to consult with your employer before applying. Those students who wish to have research guidance in the evening should consult with his/her supervisor in advance.

(2) Based on the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools, Article 15, register extending system may be applied to working students or those who have difficulties in completing their program within a usual period.

In order to become a long-term registration student, s/he must apply for the system beforehand and be approved by the graduate school. Once approved, s/he cannot extend the period of registration or cancel the system, or apply for exemption or postponement of tuition any longer. Therefore, the student should consult with the supervisor prior to application for the system.

10. Security Export Control

Okayama Prefectural University performs the security export control based on "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" so that education and study contents to foreign students do not obstruct maintenance of international peace and the security.

International applicants who fall under any of the conditions set out in said regulations may be unable to enter their desired course or program.

11. Scholarships and Tuition Exemptions

Consultation and advice on scholarships and tuition exemptions are available following enrollment. Please contact the Student Support Team, Admission Service Section, OPU.

12. Personal Information

Personal information obtained through application procedure shall be handled in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information (At No.57, 2003), and Okayama Prefectural University rules, and used only for the following matters:

- ①The personal information shall be used for selecting applicants(application process, screening), announcement of successful applicants, enrollment procedure, and auxiliary business. In addition, such personal information as exam performance shall be used to research and investigate for considering selecting method or improving university education. In such cases, we process the personal information not to identify the individual.
- ②After completion of enrollment procedure, the personal information shall be used for educational affairs (student registration, educational instruction), student support affairs (health care, tuition waiver, applying scholarship, student placement, etc.), and collecting tuition.
- ③The personal information of successful applicant shall be used by the alumni and supporters' associations to provide information related to their official activities.
- ④A part of the businesses mentioned above may be entrusted to outside business operator. In such cases, we will provide all or a part of the personal information to the party concerned at the extent necessary to perform businesses.

III Invitation from the Graduate School of Health and Welfare Science (Doctorate Course), Okayama Prefectural University

In a local society which is facing the development of low birthrate and an aging population as well as becoming complex and diversified, the urgent problem is to improve the health and welfare service infrastructure appropriate for such a society in order to realize a truly affluent society of greater welfare. Therefore, our university has been conducting more specialized education and research in the faculty of health and welfare science and the Master's Courses of the Graduate School based on the basic principle of "Defending Human Dignity and Enhancing Welfare" to cultivate individuals who can play a role as a driving force in the field of health and welfare science.

In addition to this, while aiming to construct an academic stronghold for further deepening of health and welfare science including maintenance and promotion of local citizens' health, it is also important to cultivate educators and researchers with high level views so as to be able to offer solutions to various problems concerning health and welfare. Therefore, this doctorate course provides education and research from multiple angles utilizing the specialties of each concentration, nursing science, nutritional science and health and welfare science.

Composition of Concentrations & Content of Education and Research

【Nursing Science Concentration】

Nursing specialized personnel must recognize variously and rapidly changing social circumstances and find a method aimed at maintenance and promotion of people's health as well as prevention and recovery from diseases. For this reason, they must clarify arising phenomena and actual care in light of the historical transition of the concept concerning health and nursing and through nursing practices. This concentration provides education and research to develop a nursing system and care practices and also to contribute to improve nursing quality which are corresponding to various problems of patients with chronic disease or cancer and their family members as well as care needs of elderly citizens.

【Nutritional Science Concentration】

As Japan has become an aging society, we need to solve various problems on food and health in order to keep people away from chronic disease including lifestyle disease and to maintain and promote our health. This concentration conducts education and research aiming to ascertain nutritional phenomenon accompanied by meal from life science approach and apply to prevent disease in each process from primary to tertiary prevention. Research field ranges over exploring new functional food component and pursuing food safety, investigating the role of metabolic control system including lipid metabolism in chronic disease, and investigating control system in central nervous system of nutrition as a life phenomenon.

【Health and Welfare Science Concentration】

In a society of low birthrate and an aging population, clarification of health and welfare-related problems from the viewpoint of social welfare and health science contributes to the improvement of the quality of human health and life. This concentration targets mainly on children, disabled people, disabled children and elderly people and conducts education and research concerning their independence. The research fields are about (1) a theoretical pursuit of children's sound growth and the concept of guaranteeing ability development as well as a review of methodology concerning childcare/development support including support for

disabled children; (2) a theoretical pursuit and a study of methodology concerning an evaluation method of physical, intellectual or mental disability and the associated independence support; and (3) a pursuit of relationship between physical and cognitive changes associated with aging as well as a review of methodology to promote maintenance and enhancement of health of the elderly.

Supervisors and Major Research Themes

FY 2025 preliminary curriculum

	Supervisor	Major Research Themes
Nursing Science Concentration	SUMIYOSHI Kazuko, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on patients care with diabetes 2. Research on patient education 3. Research on interview methods using a solution-focused approach
	MIKANE Sakae, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on ethical issues in practical nursing care 2. Research on end-of-life care 3. Research on extending seniors' health life
	MORINAGA Yumiko, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of assessment guide for child abuse prevention from the perspective of studies on fathers 2. Research on in-service training for and cultivation of public health nurses 3. Research on public health activities and support for victims at the time of disaster 4. Research on public health nursing activities (regional organization activities, reduction of care-giving burden, etc.)
	KITAMURA Shinji, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Artificial intelligence research in medicine, nursing, health and welfare 2. Research on internal medical management in medicine and nursing 3. Research on chronic kidney disease and hemodialysis in medicine and nursing
	OKAZAKI Yuka, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study of adolescent healthcare 2. Research on child rearing support 3. Research on the issues encountered during each stage of the female lifecycle 4. Research on midwifery education
	NAGOSHI Megumi, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on support for making decisions during therapeutic and palliative care periods for families of and patients with chronic diseases such as cancer and cardiac failure 2. Research on vocational identities of nurses and organizational development 3. Research on the response to sudden changes in the elderly, care givers, etc.
	INOUE Sachiko, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on the role of nursing professionals in supporting the community life of people with severe mental illness, multidisciplinary collaboration, and use of resources 2. Research on support for people with severe mental illness and autism spectrum disorders, and their families
	SASAKI Shinsuke, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on scientific grounds of nursing care/nursing skills 2. Measuring method development of visualized biological information 3. Development of new nursing assistance tools

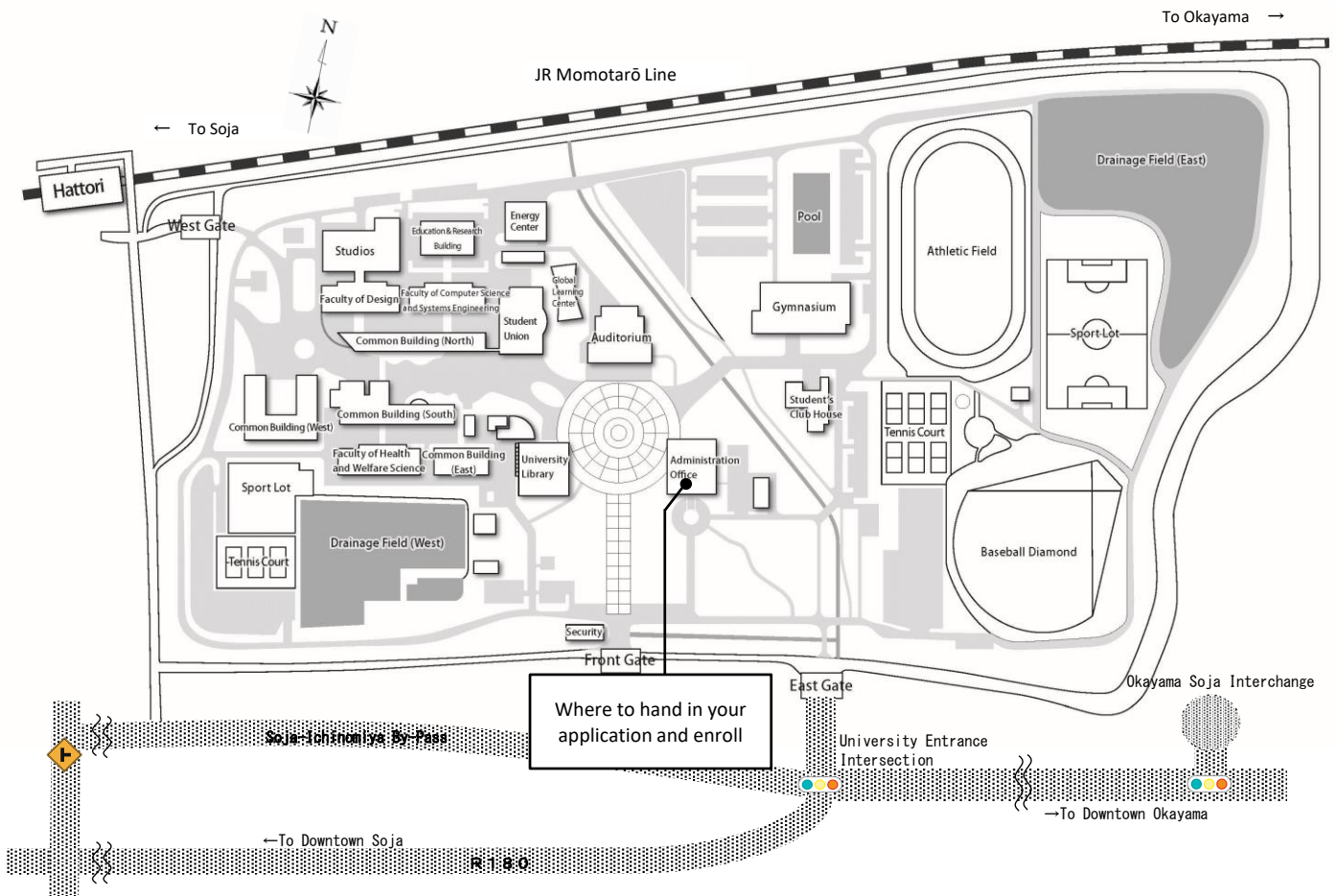
	Supervisor	Major Research Themes
Nutritional Science Concentration	TAKAHASHI Yoshitaka Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pathological and biochemical research on metabolizing enzymes of arachidonic acid 2. Bioactive lipids and their pathophysiology
	YAMAMOTO Toshiko, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study on food functionality for prevention of chronic diseases 2. Novel nutritional significance of lipid components in milk 3. Histochemical study on synthesizing enzymes of bioactive lipids in homeostasis and disease
	KAWAKAMI Takayo Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study of liver diseases and lipid nutrition 2. Study of the development of nutrition evaluation indicators in education of nutrition and health
	IRIE Yasuyuki, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of Functions of new tumor suppressor, Amida 2. Research on chronic kidney disease, CKDmodel, using extension cultivation stimulation model
	ITO Hideyuki, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isolation and characterization of bioactive natural products 2. Analysis of bioactive food components 3. Bioavailability of functional polyphenols
	TANAKA Koichi, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Searching for and cultivation of microorganisms to manufacture fermented food products with new characteristics and functions 2. Searching for and cultivation of microorganisms for efficient biomass energy production
	YAMASHITA Hiromi, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skeletal muscle function on energy metabolism 2. Functional food factors associated with skeletal muscle function, energy metabolism, and anti-aging. 3. Functional food factors associated with prevention of muscle atrophy and life style-related diseases
	KAWAKAMI Yuki, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on food constituent's mechanism of action and application to lifestyle-related disease 2. Molecular biological research on arachidonate cascade
	IKEGUCHI Motoya, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of functional food (food with health claims, health food, dietary supplements, etc.); Research on dose extrapolation from animals to human, Clinical research 2. Research on systematic reviews for and meta-analysis approaches to functional material search and functional food development; Research on Japanese and overseas legal systems regarding functional food 3. Surveys on consumer psychology and behavior, market and marketing, and development of concepts regarding functional food

	Supervisor	Major Research Themes
Health and Welfare Science Concentration	KONDO Rie, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on comparison between Japan, Korea, and France of child poverty, single parent family, child abuse, DV, foster parent, adoption, and bullying 2. Research on cooperation between educational administration and welfare administration
	IWAMITSU Kenji, Prof.	Community development through support for individuals (youth and disaster victims) living in poverty
	MURAKOSO Takashi, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on social work related to seniors' loneliness prevention 2. Research on employment support for with intellectual disabilities
	TAKEMOTO Yoshihito, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on the comprehensive support model for people diagnosed with MCI (Mild Cognitive Impairment) 2. Research on human resource cultivation and management models utilizing supervision under high-stress environments 3. Research on financial conditions of individuals with dementia and their family caregivers, and the utilization of social security systems
	NAKAMURA Hikaru, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on the development and aging of languages and recognition 2. Research on assessment and intervention of neurogenic communication disorders (aphasia, higher brain dysfunction and dementia)
	SAKANO Junko, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on Life Skill of the mentally disabled 2. Research on Sense of Coherence in mental health and welfare
	TAKATO Jinro, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on independent mobility support for blind and visually impaired persons 2. Research on preventing or delaying the need for nursing care for the elderly
	EGASHIRA Tomohiro, Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on the New Education Movement in Germany 2. Research on the education in Nazi Germany 3. Historical research on educational practices in nature
	RAKUGI Akiko, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on group dynamics for clinical-psychological problems 2. Action research regarding self-governance by residents in depopulated rural communities

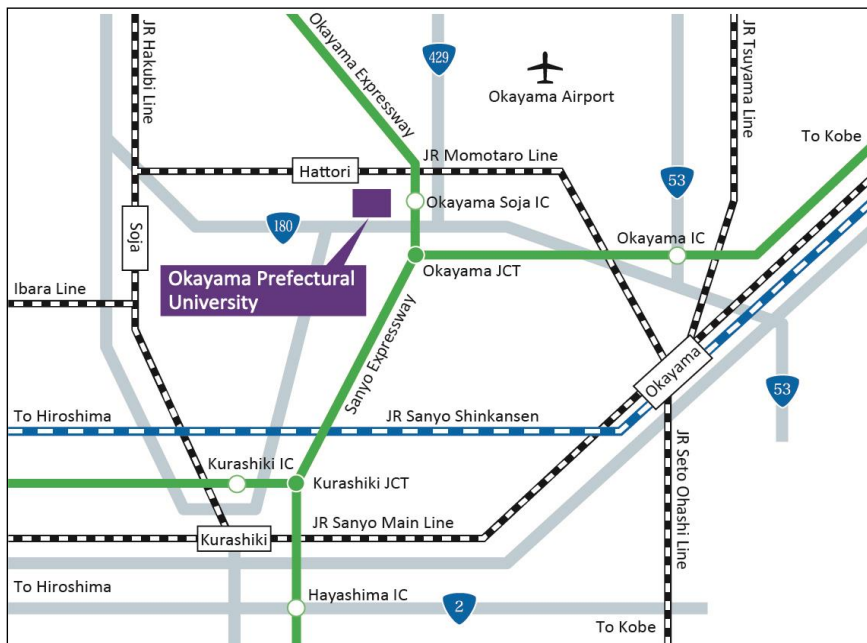
Health and Welfare Science Concentration	KIRINO Masafumi, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on support for family caregivers 2. Research on work-life balance and integration of family caregivers
	KIMURA Hitoshi, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on operation and management for welfare equipment service organizations 2. Research on communication with customers in welfare equipment service organizations
	NIIYAMA Junko, Associate Prof.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on dance curriculum 2. Practical research on the continual “Expressive Dances” seen from the viewpoint of lifelong education 3. Research on instruction methods for physical expression activities in early childhood

IV Map to Examination Venue Okayama Prefectural University

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Examination Venue Guide



<Transport>

A 5 minute walk from JR Momotarō Line Hattori Station (takes approximately 30 minutes from JR Okayama Station and 8 minutes from JR Soja Station)

Approximately 2.5km from the Okayama Expressway, Okayama Soja Interchange.

Approximately 18km from the center of Okayama city (via Route 180) and 12km from the center of Kurashiki city (via Route 429).

Where to contact concerning application, entrance examination and other information

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