

Kyoto College of Nursing

Graduate School of Nursing, Doctoral Program

Application Guidelines for International Students

[Admission policy]

The Graduate School of Nursing (Ph.D. Degree Program) expect candidates to be equipped with the following competencies:

- (1) Willingness to contribute both in Japan and overseas to bring about the best interests of the people through nursing
- (2) Expertise and logicity in nursing that will lead to the improvement of people's health and lives, and the development of nursing science
- (3) Research competency required to investigate various phenomena in nursing practice

[Courses and number of students to be admitted]

Course	Number of students to be admitted	Degrees and qualifications offered	Duration of study
○ Doctoral Course of Nursing Science	A few students	Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing	3 years

[Eligibility for application to the graduate school]

Applicants must have a nursing license (whether in Japan or overseas) and meet all conditions (1) to (3) shown below.

- (1) Applicants who meet the following requirement:

Those who have obtained a degree equivalent to a master's degree in a country other than Japan or are expected to obtain such a degree by March 31, 2026

- (2) Applicants who have consulted with their potential supervisor before application:

Those who have already contacted their preferred supervising professor before application and have completed prior consultation regarding their research and course plans after enrollment (Note that no guidance on revising the research plans will be provided.)

- (3) Applicants whose language level falls under any of the following ① to ⑤, or whose level is recognized as equivalent:

- ① TOEFL iBT®: 76 or above
- ② TOEFL PBT®: 540 or above
- ③ TOEIC® L&R: 700 or above
- ④ IELTS™: 6.0 or above
- ⑤ JLPT: N2 or above

※The confirmation and consultation periods for (1) and (2), respectively, are set out as shown below.

Applicants are requested to apply for eligibility confirmation and have a consultation within the applicable periods.

[Eligibility confirmation period]

Application period	August 1 (Fri.) to August 25 (Mon.) (must arrive by this date)
Date of announcement of confirmation result	August 28 (Thu.) from 9:00 AM

[Supervisor consultation period]

Consultation period	September 1 (Mon.) to October 31 (Fri.)
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[Entrance examination schedule]

Application period	Saturday, November 1 to Friday, November 21 (no later than this date)
Examination date	Saturday, December 20, from 9:00 AM

[Admission selection procedure]

Time	Examination subject	Remarks
9:00 AM to 9:40 AM	Reception	Entry to the examination venue will be permitted from 9:00 AM.
From 9:50 AM	Attendance check and announcements	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Essay (English)	
From 11:15 AM	Oral Examination	About 20 minutes per person

Distribution: 100 points for essay (English) , and 100 points for oral examination (English) .

[Examination venue] Kyoto College of Nursing

[Entrance examination fee] 35,000 yen

[Application documents]

Please prepare the following documents and submit them to the Administrative Office in the envelope specified by the University.

	Documents, etc.	Remarks
*1	Application form Examination voucher and sub-voucher	Use the form and vouchers attached to the application guidelines for the graduate school. Fill in the required information.
	Two photographs	Photographs of the applicant's upper body, in a frontal view and hatless, taken within 3 months prior to the application (4 cm height x 3 cm width) Attach one to the application form and the other to the sub-voucher.
*1	Applicant's history	Fill out the required information on the designated form on the reverse side of the application form without leaving any details blank.
	Certificate of payment receipt for entrance examination fee transfer (Attach it to the reverse side of the sub-voucher.)	After transferring 35,000 yen as the entrance examination fee, attach the certificate to the reverse side of the sub-voucher, and submit it. The applicant is responsible for paying the transfer fee. [Designated Account] Shiga Bank Kujo Branch, Savings Account, Branch No.: 938, Account No.: 756715
	Statement of purpose	Summarize your reasons for applying in one page on A4-sized paper (portrait orientation) using any format.
	Research proposal	Summarize your research proposal in approximately five pages (no cover page required) on A4-sized paper (portrait orientation, horizontal writing) using any format. - Leave a 2 cm margin on the top, bottom, left, and right, and staple the top left corner. - Refer to the sample format of the research proposal available on the "Entrance Examination Information" page under "Admissions" on our website.
	Academic transcript	Submit the academic transcript issued by the head of the institution that meets the eligibility for application. Note: The transcript must clearly list each subject and the number of credits. For prospective graduates, it must include the subjects they are currently enrolled in.
	Certificate of (expected) completion	Submit the certificate issued by the head of the institution that meets the eligibility for application. Note: The certificate must be prepared within the past three months by the head of the applicant's institution and securely sealed.
	Copy of nursing license	

	Certificate of residence or the like	Foreigners currently residing in Japan must submit their certificate of residence (with status of residence and period of stay clearly indicated) issued by the mayor of the relevant city, ward, town, or village. If you are not residing in Japan at the time of application, submit a copy of your valid visa for the examination.
	Language proficiency certificate	Submit proof of your English or Japanese language proficiency.
	Copy of master's thesis	If you intend to submit an unpublished master's thesis, submit a summary of the thesis, or similar documents.
	Research achievements	
*2	Long-term study request form	

*1 The forms specified by the University: Those attached to the application guidelines

*2 Only for applicants who wish to take a long-term study program

Before applying, please contact your prospective supervisor and confirm in advance that your research plan is feasible.

[Precautions for application]

- (1) Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- (2) If any false information is provided in the application documents, or if any misconduct in the entrance examination is discovered, admission will be revoked even after it has been granted.
- (3) An examination voucher will be sent to the applicant after the application is received. If you do not receive it at least two days before the entrance examination, please contact the Admission Division of the Administrative Office at 075-311-0123.
- (4) Submitted documents will not be returned under any circumstances.
- (5) If you have any physical disability and require special consideration when taking the examination (or studying), please seek prior consultation before submitting your application.
- (6) If you have any questions regarding the application or other matters, please contact the Admission Division of the Administrative Office.

[Announcement of admission results and enrollment procedures]

Announcement of admission results	Sunday, December 21
Enrollment procedures (admission fee and first-semester tuition)	Friday, February 27, 2026

* The notification of admission results will be sent to all applicants on the date mentioned above.

Inquiries by phone or to the Administrative Office will not be responded to.

* Details of enrollment procedures and necessary documents will be sent along with the notification of admission results.

[Tuition and fees]

Type	1st year			2nd year	3rd year
	First semester	Second semester	Total	Total	
Admission fee	200,000 yen	—	200,000 yen	—	—
Tuition	250,000 yen	250,000 yen	500,000 yen	500,000 yen	500,000 yen
Total	450,000 yen	250,000 yen	700,000 yen	500,000 yen	500,000 yen

* In addition to the tuition, the insurance fee, student activity support fee, and other related fees will be required at the time of enrollment.

* The tuition for a long-term study program is the same as the amount shown above. The annual tuition is determined by dividing the total amount by the number of years the student plans to study.

[Payment for the first year]

	Payment due date
Enrollment procedures (admission fee and first-semester tuition)	Friday, February 27, 2026
Payment for the second semester (second-semester tuition)	Wednesday, September 30, 2026

If you have any questions regarding the entrance examination for the graduate school, please contact the Admission Division of the Administrative Office. For further details, please refer to the application guidelines for the graduate school.