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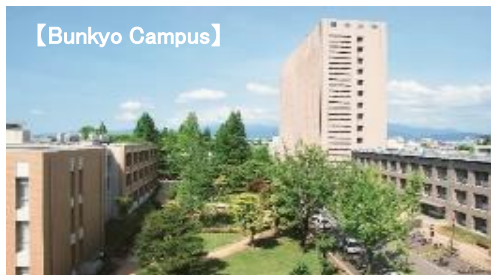
University of Fukui (Fukui Prefecture)

Solving School Problems Practically and Aiming for Cultivating Teacher's Competency

◇ University overview

① Characteristics and history

The University of Fukui has four schools: the School of Education, the School of Medical Science, the School of Engineering, and the School of Global and Community Studies. It also has four Graduate Schools: the United Graduate School of Professional Development of Teachers, University of Fukui, Nara Women's University and Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University (hereafter referred to United Graduate School of PDT), the School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Engineering, and the Professional Graduate School of Global and Community Management. Fukui Prefecture is situated in the central part of Japan and is blessed with both natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. Facing the Sea of Japan, Fukui played an important role in ancient times as a gateway to and from continental Asian countries, and it still retains many relics that reflect its long history and tradition. Fukui is a beautiful place which changes its appearance in each season.



② International exchange

• Number of international students

AY 2023 : 163

AY 2022 : 131

AY 2021 : 140

• Number of Teacher Training Students

AY 2023 : 0

AY 2022 : 3

AY 2021 : 3

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

① Characteristics of the program

Engaging Collaboratively and Continuously in School Problems, and Cultivating Professional Capacities through Reflective Practical Competency.

② Number of students to be accepted : 3

③ Period of scholarship

October, 2024 – March, 2026

Completion of
Intensive Japanese
Program



④ Requirement for program completion

• Japanese language education
Depending on the Japanese level, choose and complete the following Japanese language training course subjects.

Japanese Language Subjects
Japanese Culture Experience
Research Required for Completion
Research Exercises Required for Completion

For beginner to intermediate level,
take 12 hours/week or more.
For intermediate to advanced level,
take 10 hours/week or more.

• Specialized training
Practical work in schools, reflection, and records are required. Submit a research report by February 2026 and present the results of your research. Engaging in educational studies and activities equivalent to 24 credits in the first year of the United Graduate School of PDT.

⑤ Outline of the course

• Japanese language education
–Language Center Intensive Japanese Program
Term: October, 2024 – March, 2025
Outline: Students will take 6 months intensive Japanese classes.

-Supplementary Japanese Courses

Term: April, 2025 – March, 2026

Outline: For those who wish to continue with Japanese studies can take Japanese language classes for international students.

-Round Table

Practitioners and researchers from different regions and occupations come together to share their practices in February and June.



•Specialized training

Term: April, 2025 – March, 2026

Weekly tutorial sessions with your supervisor.

•Practical training, participatory subjects such as field trips and regional exchanges

– Visit Compulsory Education School

– Various events are held under the support of the local government and volunteer groups.

•Others

Supervisors, Japanese students and international students will participate in the weekly meeting run by United Graduate School of PDT to support the development of teachers' expertise.

◇ Follow-up for graduates

The University of Fukui has established 18 Alumni Branches around the world to promote stronger alumni networks. The alumni magazine, *Kokoro-net*, is published annually to maintain and foster mutual interactions with UF graduates.

◇ Accommodations

Overseas Student House

The term of residence :

6months from October 2024 to March 2025

※Students must live in a private apartment during April 2025 to March 2026.

○ Number of rooms

- Room A : 2
- Room B : 2

○ Monthly rent

- Room A : 14,600 JPY/month
- Room B : 17,400 JPY/month
(Utilities and Internet service are excluded)
- Accommodation fee : 20,000 JPY
- Monthly administrative fee : 3,000 JPY/month

○ Facilities

- Room Facilities : Mini-kitchen, refrigerator, cupboard, dining table, unit bath, toilet, bed, desk, chair, chest, desk lamp, book shelf, air conditioner.
- Common Facilities : washing machine, dryer (100 JPY per use)
- No smoking on the premises.



○ Information for daily life

The Overseas Student House is located within 7mins walk from the campus. It takes 3mins to the closest train station by walk.

There are supermarket, convenience store, bank, and post office near by.



On the way to campus

◇ Contact

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◇ Course Description, Number of students to be accepted, Qualifications and, etc.

Name of department	United Graduate School of Professional Development of Teachers, University of Fukui, Nara Women's University and Gifu Shotoku Gakuen University							
Course code	Name of adviser	E-mail	Teaching field(s)	Course description	Targets for training	Language	Number of students to be accepted	Qualification and requirement for students, number of students in past 5 years
20001	Syoichi YANAGISAWA (Professor)	yanagi@f-edu.u-fukui.ac.jp	Teacher education, Lifelong learning	<p>This course, designed specifically for school teachers, is offered by instructors of the Professional Development of Teachers Program in the Graduate School of Education, University of Fukui. In order for teachers to acquire expertise, it is important that teachers put them in a practice-reflection-reconstruction cycle and that they reframe school as a learning community.</p> <p>Taking that into consideration, the University of Fukui adopts "school-based method" before other universities in the world, and offers practical teacher education. Our objective is to be a graduate school where teachers work cooperatively with their colleagues to solve problems at school. When a problem occurs at the classroom, for example, instructors at the University of Fukui and teachers at affiliated schools work together to tackle the problem, reflect the process, work on a research report, and deepen the understanding in a roundtable conference with other universities.</p> <p>There are instructors in various fields. Students can receive multi-disciplinary research instruction from team teaching in the program.</p> <p>International students are expected to visit the actual classroom at affiliated schools with UF instructors, do research on classroom teaching, and receive training at affiliated schools.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers	English, Japanese	3	<p>- Those who have teaching experience at preschool, elementary school, junior high school, and high school in their home country.</p> <p>- Since the students will be involved with Japanese education, applicants must have either enough Japanese language proficiency or willingness to acquire Japanese language in the given period.</p> <p>- Applicants must have willingness to contribute to education and teacher education in their home country after completing the program.</p> <p>- Applicants must have willingness to devote themselves to teacher and educational research exchange between Japan and their home country after completing the program.</p> <p>(Total 10: Bhutan 1, Cambodia 1, Guatemala 1, Myanmar 2, Malaysia 2, Republic of Namibia 1, Mexico 2)</p>
20002	Yuu KIMURA (Professor)	u-kimura@u-fukui.ac.jp	Teacher education, Educational methodology, Educational psychology		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers			
20003	Mai KISHINO (Professor)	m-kisino@f-edu.u-fukui.ac.jp	Teacher education, Infant education		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers			
20004	Yoshiko HANBARA (Associate Professor)	yoshikoh@u-fukui.ac.jp	Teacher education, Language education		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers			
20005	Miku SASAHARA (Associate Professor)	sasahara@u-fukui.ac.jp	Teacher education, Psychology of handicapped children		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers			
20006	Masato KOSAKA (Associate Professor)	kosaka@u-fukui.ac.jp	Teacher education, Mathematics and Science education		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers			
20007	Yuri HAYASE (Associate Professor)	y-hayase@u-fukui.ac.jp	Teacher education, Educational Science		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers			
20008	Takahiro ENDO (Associate Professor)	endo@u-fukui.ac.jp	Teacher education, Educational methodology, Curriculum Development		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers			

※Please check the applicable box in the "Targets for training" column. (If both apply, check both boxes.)