

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
ADMISSION
TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM
IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES, TOKUSHIMA
UNIVERSITY
(The Dual Degree Program of International Partner Graduate Schools)
April, 2026

In concert with the College of Nursing, Silliman University and Graduate School, Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science, St. Paul University (Republic of the Philippines) (hereinafter referred to as “Foreign Partner Universities”), and on the basis of the agreements on academic cooperation made with respective institution, the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Tokushima University has established “the Dual Degree Program of International Partner Graduate Schools” with each university in which students of both university can dually earn degrees from Tokushima University and the Foreign Partner University.

In this program, students who are enrolled both in the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Tokushima University and in the Foreign Partner Universities aim to earn the Doctoral degrees from both institutions under the guidance of his/her mentors from both institutions.

This application procedure is to screen applicants from a partner institution who apply for the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Tokushima University. Applicants who are accepted in accordance with this application procedure can enter the Graduate School of Health Sciences, Tokushima University as a full-time student.

1. Number of students to be admitted

Major	Area	Field	Degree	Number
Health Sciences	Health and Nursing Sciences	Lifelong Health Nursing	Doctor of Philosophy (Health Sciences)	A few
		Lifelong Health and Medical Science		

※The capacity of the Ph.D. course is the maximum 5 students.

2. Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in or have been admitted to the Doctoral program at one of Tokushima University's DDP (Double Degree Program) partner institutions. An applicant's eligibility will be based on the Regulations of the Graduate Schools at Tokushima University.

3. Application Procedure

3.1 Application Deadline

No later than Friday, November 14, 2025

3.2 Admission Office

Mail your application to the following address:

The University Office of Student Affairs, Education Division, Section 2,
3-18-15Kuramoto-cho, Tokushima 770-8503, Japan
TEL: +81-88-633-9009

3.3 Application Documents

1) Application for Admission

Glue or electronically attach a recent head and shoulders 4cm x 3cm photograph to the accompanying form. The applicant should be facing forward with no head wear.

2) Certificate of graduation or a graduation letter regarding the master's program

3) Official academic transcripts of the applicant's bachelor's and Master's programs, and the Doctoral program entrance examination results (submitted in a sealed envelope)

4) Two recommendations (sealed): one from the head of the applicant's home faculty and the other from the applicant's academic supervisor.

The recommendations are to be addressed to the Chancellor of Tokushima University, with the applicant's name, birth date, and nationality. They should clearly state that the applicant is enrolled in, or has been admitted to, the Doctoral program of the home institution, and assess his/her research ability and character.

5) Abstract of the master's thesis

The applicant whose master's program is in progress may substitute this requirement with a report on research projects, in which he/she has been or is currently involved.

6) List of research publications

Attach supporting documents (e.g., copies of research papers, proceedings papers, patents) if any. Include a 150-word abstract for each publication.

7) Statement of the proposed research

The applicant should consult with his/her future supervisor at Tokushima University, and write a brief research proposal including the research topic, objectives, methods, and any relevant ideas.

4. Screening

4.1 Screening Procedure

Screening for admission will be based on a personal interview and the application documents submitted.

4.2 Personal Interview

The interview will be conducted either in person or using an Internet-based voice and image communication system. The applicant will be interviewed in English about his/her thesis and proposed research.

4.3 Interview Dates

Between Tuesday November 25, 2025 and Friday, November 28, 2025.

The time will usually be between 10:00 and 16:00, Japan time.

5. Notification of Results

The examinee numbers of those who passed the examination will be notified on the notice board of the Faculty of Medicine, Tokushima University at 11:00, December 24, 2025. Official letters of admission will be sent to the applicant by mail. Inquiry about the result by other means (such as telephone) cannot be accepted.

6. Enrollment Procedure

An outline of the enrollment procedure is provided below. Successful applicants will be contacted with more detailed information.

6.1 Enrollment Period

By postal mail: Thursday, February 19, 2026– Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

6.2 Payment for the First Year

- (1) Examination Fee, Admission Fee, and Tuition: not collected
- (2) Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research and related fees: estimated at ¥1,000
- (3) Tokushima University Student Affairs Fund: estimated at ¥9,000

7. Cancellation of Admission

- (1) If applicants become ineligible after completing the entrance procedure, admission will be cancelled.
- (2) If forgeries of application documents and/or other transgressions are identified, admission may be cancelled.

8. About Security Export Control

Tokushima University has established the 'Tokushima University Security Export Control

Regulations' based on the 'Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act' and rigorously determines the acceptance of students by considering the goods exported, the technology provided, and the exchanges in human resources that will take place. If your activities fall within the ambit of any of these regulations, your desired research activities may be restricted, or you may not be able to take certain coursework. Hence, please be careful when you are applying and take any necessary precautions such as consulting with your prospective academic advisor before submitting your application.

For details, please refer to the Center for Research Administration & Collaboration website below:

<https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/ccr/active/ip/yusyutsukanri/yusyutsu.html>