

2026

Tokushima University

Graduate School of Medical Nutrition

Application Guidelines for Master Course

(For General / Employed / Privately-Funded Foreign Students)

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Application Guidelines for Primary Admission

In the Graduate School of Medical Nutrition, we make efforts to train professionals who can be active in their fields (medical service and local society or industry) and researchers for educational research institutions. We give lectures of extensive education through teaching human nutrition including basic life science and various knowledge of medical care to students and also try to do research so that they can lead their field and contribute to society. We have a goal of contributing to the nutrition field through achievements of research to train students to contribute to society.

<Admission Policy of Department of Medical Nutrition, Graduate School of Medical Nutrition>

We admit those who have sufficient and high technical knowledge based on life science and medicine and want to contribute to the efforts of improving eating habits in society while maintaining health quality.

- Students who want to become a registered dietitian of clinical management and have high technical knowledge and technique based on present medical science.
- Students who plan nutritional policies to contribute to society and globally.
- Students who are active in research and institutions of education in the nutrition field.

I. Number of Students to be Admitted

Department	Strength	Recruitment
Medical Nutrition	22	A few

*Those numbers are not for applicants who are privately funded foreign students.

II. Qualifications for Applicants

The following individuals are eligible to apply for admission.

- (1) Individuals who have graduated or are expected to graduate from universities regulated by the prescription on Article 83 of School Education Law by March 31, 2026 in Japan
- (2) Individuals who have earned or are expected to earn a bachelor's degree of universities regulated by the prescription in Paragraph 7, Article 104 of School Education Law by March, 2026
- (3) Individuals who have completed or are expected to complete 16 years of school education overseas by March, 2026
- (4) Individuals who have completed or expect to complete 16 years of education through distance education from a school of education overseas by March, 2026
- (5) Individuals who have completed a degree equivalent to the curriculum designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology from a foreign university and hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent thereof or are expected to complete their studies by March, 2026
- (6) Individuals who have a degree equivalent to that of a bachelor's through the completion of courses with a term of study for three years or more (which includes the completion of an equivalent degree taken through a correspondence course in Japan provided by a foreign university, and also includes the completion of an equivalent degree issued by an educational institute which is designated as equivalent to those in Japan based on the conditions stated above and is acknowledged as a part of the formal education in the applicant's home country) at a foreign university or another overseas educational institute (limited to those appropriately rated by an accreditation agent of the government of the applicant's home country or by

another officially approved accreditation institute, or specifically and independently designated as equivalent by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).

- (7) Individuals designated by the Minister of the Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology based on Article 155 Paragraph No. 6 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Education Act
- (8) Individuals who have graduated or are expected to graduate from a technical or vocational school approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Individuals must have received an education of 4 years or more or equivalent of the curriculum approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.)
- (9) Individuals who have completed at least 3 years of university education or 15 years of formal education, and have acquired the necessary credits with excellent records.
- (10) Individuals who our department accepts has graduated from university or has the scholastic ability to be admitted based on the entrance examination, and are 22 years of age or older as of March 31, 2026. (Refer to notes)

(Note1) Application Qualification (10)

- 1. “Applicants who are highly educated and have graduated from a university,” or applicants who dropped out of their university (stayed and studied for more than two years) but have graduated from junior colleges or technical colleges, and finished programs of educational facilities, quit, or graduated from and have worked or been active in the field of nutrition for more than two years.
- 2. Applicants who are satisfy the requirements have to submit documents below to Graduate School Section, Educational Affairs Division, Faculty of Medicine, Tokushima University by Friday, October 10, 2025 for pre-screening.
 - Certificate of your academic background
 - Forms to examine qualification to apply to the entrance examination
 - Papers which prove that you have experienced business or activities more than two years
 - Research report (one page of A4 paper in English),
 - List of your career or papers of your research (optional)

(Note2) Entrance Examinations for Employed Students

- Any applicant who fills the requirement of articles (1) to (10)
- Is presently working for a hospital, school, public institution, a company or an educational research institution
- Is a national registered dietitian and has minimum 4 years working experience and a permission for taking the entrance exam from the manager of the place of employment

(Note3) Examinations for Privately-Funded Foreign Students

Only students who have ability to understand Japanese or English are eligible to apply.

III. Term of Application and Place to Apply

1. Term of application

Monday, November 10 to Friday, November 14, 2025

Open hour: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

*We cannot receive applications on weekends.

Applications must be reached by using postal mail or bringing them yourself by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 14, 2025.

2. Place to Apply

Graduate School Section

Educational Affairs Division
 Faculty of Medicine
 Tokushima University
 3-18-15 Kuramoto-cho, Tokushima 770-8503 Japan
 Tel. +81-(0)88-633-9649

*Privately-funded foreign students should consult their intended supervisor before applying.

***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>

IV. Application Procedure

1. Documents to be submitted

Application Form	Please fill in all required information on the form provided. (with a picture taken these days at the size of 4×5cm without wearing a cap or hat.)
Ticket for Examination	Please attach your identification photo. The photo must be recent, and must be of your upper body, facing forward with head uncovered. The size must be 5 cm height and 4 cm width.
Official Transcript/Grade Report	Official transcript prepared by your previous university or faculty.
Diploma or Certificate of Graduation	Certificate of Graduation or Expected Graduation, or Certificate of Completion or Expected Completion.
Certificate of Degree	Only individuals eligible based on qualification (2) must obtain and submit a Certification of Degree issued from the National Institution for Academic Degrees. Individuals who are expected to acquire a degree of specialized course of junior-college (2-year college) or technical college must attach expected graduation certificate or certificate of degree acquirement application.
Proof of Examination Fee Payment	The test fee is ¥ 30,000. After paying by postal transfer, please attach the receipt to the Proof of Examination Payment form attached below. For details, refer to (1) of 2. Procedure below. If you are an applicant residing outside Japan, payment by credit card is available by making an online

	application through “International Student Portal” of the University’s website. https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/isc/admission/english/
Acceptance Letter	Individuals who are currently enrolling in a graduate school or working in a company must submit an Acceptance Letter by an advisor or manager. Employed students must fill in the fixed format.
Official Certificate of National Registered Dietitian	Photocopy of official certificate of national registered dietitian. (Employed students only)
Proof of Work Experience	Individuals who have minimum 4 year work experience at a hospital, school, public institution, a company or an educational research institution must submit a document of your work experience written by a manager of your place of employment. (Free format, Employed students only)
Copy of Certificate of Alien Registration/Passport	Foreign nationals residing in Japan must submit a copy of certificate of matters in the alien registration records.
Stamped Envelope for Admission Ticket	Fix a ¥110 stamp to the envelope and write your name, address and postal code clearly. (unless to bring directly)
Addressing card	The postal code, address and full name of the candidate should be clearly written in the card to send a letter of acceptance and other documents to him/her by mail.

2. Procedure

- (1) Please hand them in with other required documents by the deadline.
- (2) Please choose registered mail and write “Application for the Graduate School of Medical Nutrition, Master Course” on the envelope with a red pen and “General Foreign Student” or “Privately-Funded Foreign Student”

V. Selection Method

Selection of applicants is based on the overall results of the interview, achievement test and the academic transcript provided by their previous university.

1. Academic Achievement Test

(1) Date and Subject

(Examination for General / Employed Students)

Date	Subject	Time
Thursday, December 4, 2025	English*	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
	Interview (Oral Assessment)	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*English examination will be about Nutrition, Bioscience and Nature Science.

(Examination for Privately Funded Foreign Students)

Date	Subject	Time
Thursday, December 4, 2025	Letter of Recommendation from supervisor	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Interview (including a language)	

(2) Location:

Tokushima University Faculty of Medicine
3-18-15 Kuramoto cho, Tokushima 770-8503 Japan

2. Interview – The interview will be held in Graduate School of Medical Nutrition at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2025.
3. Transcript – Sealed transcript issued by the principal of your previous university will be used as a materials for the selection.

VI. Applicants with Disabilities

Applicants for Graduate School of Medical Nutrition with disabilities may need special consideration on the examination and need to contact the person in charge at Graduate School Section, Educational Affairs Division, Faculty of Medicine, Tokushima University by Friday, October 10, 2025.

VII. Announcement of Successful Candidates

The results of the examination will be reported to successful applicants on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. The results will be posted at the Faculty of Medicine at 10 am and on the website of the Faculty of Medicine: <https://www.tokushima-u.ac.jp/med/> and the applicant will also be notified by postal mail. Results by telephone inquiry will not be responded.

VIII. Admission Procedure

More information on enrollment and enrollment periods will be provided in mid- February 2026.

IX. Entrance Fee and Tuition Fee

1. Entrance fee is estimated as 282,000 yen.
2. The tuition for the first semester will be 267,900 yen and annual tuition 535,800 yen (both are estimated amount).

Notice:

- (1) In the event of a revision in the tuition fees, the new rate will be applied from the date of the revision.
- (2) The above fees are the currently estimated amount. If revisions are made, the new fees will be applied.

X. Miscellaneous

- (1) After an application is submitted, fees cannot be returned.
- (2) Other costs (such as medical support fees) of 29,000 yen will be necessary at the time of entrance. Part of fees is not applicable for applicants who are from Tokushima University.
- (3) If sending application materials by postal mail please include self-addressed return envelope (33.2cm×24.0cm) with a ¥320 stamp (specifying Name, Address and Postal code) addressing to Graduate School Section, Educational Affairs Division, Faculty of Medicine, Tokushima University. In case of making a request, please clearly write [Application for the Graduate School of Medical Nutrition, Master Course].
- (4) If you have any questions regarding the application procedure, please include self-addressed return envelope with a stamp for ¥110(specifying your Name, Address and Postal Code) inquiring Graduate School Section, Educational Affairs Division, Faculty of Medicine, Tokushima University.