

Graduate School of Nursing (Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program)
Nagoya City University for Academic Year 2026 (October Enrollment)
Application Guidebook for Foreign Students

Admission policy of Graduate School of Nagoya City University

Nagoya City University (NCU) aims to be a university in which all citizens feel pride and affinity. In graduate education, based on recognition that research guidance, for graduate students is a challenge in offering research activities; We aim to cultivate researchers and professionals who can gain advanced expertise and an interdisciplinary thinking.

With this philosophy and aim, the graduate school is widely looking for individuals who possess advanced expertise and an eagerness and aptitude for activity both within Japan and abroad, in addition to diverse skills and work experience.

【Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program in Graduate School of Nursing of NCU】

«Desirable Students»

- Those with the ability to deepen their awareness of problems and explore issues through planning, including ethical considerations.
- Those who can utilize their knowledge gained from nursing practice and connect it to logical thinking.
- Those who are willing to contribute to the development of nursing and midwifery by utilizing their acquired advanced educational and research abilities and who strongly aspire to and maintain the intention to work in midwifery and nursing education and research positions.
- Those who have an eye to world-class research and are willing to complete their research with a high level of intellectual interest and persistence.

«Content and level of knowledge that applicants should have been acquired»

- Expertise in the nursing area for application.
- Competencies necessary to conduct nursing research
- Language skills necessary for reviewing English literature, writing research papers, and giving presentations
- Self-disciplined attitudes toward research

1 Number of enrollment

A small number of students

Schedule for the 2026 Entrance Examination for the Graduate School of Nursing

Subject	Items	Date
Persons who need to be screened for qualification	Qualification Screening Application Period	April 22 (Wed) – April 30 (Thu), 2026
	Notification of Qualification Screening Results	We will notify you after the review.
All applicants	Period of application	May 21 (Thu) – May 28 (Thu), 2026
	Date of selection examination	June 24 (Wed), 2026
	Announcement of the results	July 15 (Wed), 2026

2 Eligibility of applicants

All applicants must satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

- (1) A person who has acquired a master's degree or is expected to acquire a master's degree by September 2026.
- (2) A person who has acquired a degree equivalent to a master's degree in a foreign country or is expected to acquire such a degree by September 2026.
- (3) A person who has completed a correspondence course of education in Japan, which is provided by a foreign educational institution, acquired a degree equivalent to the master's degree, or was expected to acquire such a degree by September 2026.
- (4) A person who has completed the program of a foreign educational institution in Japan, where the educational institution is positioned in the school education system of the foreign country as having the graduate school program and the graduate school program being separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, and has acquired a degree equivalent to the master's degree or is expected to acquire such a degree by September 2026.
- (5) A person who has completed a program of United Nations University established based on the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted on December 11, 1972, as specified in Section 2, Article 1 of the Act on Special Measures (Japan Law No. 72, 1976) enacted along with the contract between the United Nations and Japan for the Headquarters of United Nations University, and acquired a degree equivalent to the master's degree or is expected to acquire such a degree by September 2026.
- (6) A person who has completed the curriculum of a foreign school, an educational institution specified by (4) above, or a United Nations University, passed the test and examination specified in Section 2, Article 16 of the Standards for Establishment of Universities (Ordinance No. 28 of the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture, 1974), and is recognized as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of those who have a master's degree.
- (7) A person who has been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan
- (8) A person who has determined by the Graduate School of Nursing of NCU to have academic ability equivalent to or better than that those defined in (1) and will be 24 years old by September 30, 2026.

3 Screening of Eligibility for the examination under Category (6), (7), or (8) as described above

(1) Application Period for “Screening of Eligibility for the examination”

April 22 (Wed)–April 30 (Thu), 2026 ※ must be reached at the end of period

(2) Application documents (Documents should be prepared in accordance with “**5 Application documents, etc.**”.)

- ① Request for Screening of Eligibility for Examination (prescribed form of D-5)
- ② Resumé (prescribed form of D-2)
- ③ Academic Achievement Report (prescribed form of D-6)
- ④ Diploma and Academic Transcript
- ⑤ One previously published representative paper (A photocopy will be acceptable)

Note1: For those who are licensed nurses, public health nurses, or midwives, please also submit graduation certificates and transcripts from all training schools from which you graduated in order to obtain such licenses.

Note2: If the name written on your “Academic Transcript,” “Diploma” or other certificates is different from your current name, provide the document proves that your name has been changed. (e.g., family register).

Note3: If you would like to apply from overseas, please make sure to entrust your application procedure to the proxy residing in Japan. Application directly from overseas will not be accepted. Notifications from NCU will be sent to your proxy’s address.

Note4: “Diploma” and “Academic Transcript” must be written in Japanese or English, or the translated documents in either of these languages should be attached.

Note5: Applicants who have already submitted the documents required for application at the time of screening of qualification are not required to submit them again at the time of application.

Note6: Photocopies are acceptable for diplomas, transcripts, etc. issued by foreign institutions of higher education that cannot be reissued. If a photocopy is submitted, the original will be verified at the time of admission procedures.

Note7: D-2, D-5, and D-6 forms can be downloaded from the following website.

<https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/english/faculty/admissions/nurse/index.html>

Send application document by registered express post to:

Student Affairs Division, Admission Office, Nagoya City University
1 Kawasumi, Mizuho-cho, Mizuho-ku, Nagoya, Aichi 467-8601, Japan

(4) Result of the screening

The results of the screening will be notified to applicants as early as possible. Applicants who passed the screening can apply to the examination.

4 Application period and procedure

(1) Application period

May 21 (Thu) – May 28 (Thu), 2026 ※ must be reached at the end of period

(2) Application procedure

- a. Enclose the application documents, etc. into the A4 sized envelope, stick NCU designated address label which should be filled in the details and send them by registered express mail.
 - b. Must be sent by post. Delivery in person is not accepted.
 - c. Applications which cannot be reached by the designated date will not be acceptable. (the date printed on the postmark is not accountable.)
- * If you would like to apply from overseas, please make sure to entrust your application procedure to the proxy residing in Japan. Application by post directly from overseas will not be accepted. Notifications from NCU will be sent to your proxy's address**

(3) Before submitting your application documents, consult in advance with the faculty member you wish to select as a supervisor. (Refer to "Research Fields and Faculty Members of the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Nursing" (P.10-11))

Once your application documents are accepted, admission card and Test center information will be posted to applicants before June 15 (Mon.). If you did not receive by those dates, please contact Student Affairs Division, Administration Office.

5 Application documents, etc

*For candidates residing overseas, please be sure to apply by post through a proxy residing in Japan, as the online applications are not accepted. Form D-1 is not uploaded online, and the application form must be ordered and completed in the candidate's own handwriting (or by a proxy). Notification of examination result and information on enrollment procedures will also be sent by the university to the proxy.

	Documents, etc.	Description
①	Application for Admission/ ID Photo Card/ Admission Card for the Examinaiton	<p>[Use the prescribed Form D-1 of NCU]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stick your photograph on the application form. A photograph should be taken within 3 months, full-faced, upper body, no caps or hats, no background, full-color and sized 4cmx3cm. • Please fill in the address which you are (or a proxy is) certain to be contacted.
②	Resumé	<p>[Use the prescribed Form D-2 of NCU]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill in your school education history from elementary education (elementary school). • Provide details of your academic background including Japanese-language school, and other special training school, and of employment history, if any. • If applicant holds a license as a registered nurse, public health nurse or midwife, write the registration number.
③	Certificate of Completion of Master's Program (Expected Completion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Completion of Master's Program (Expected Completion) must be prepared by university you are currently enrolled in or have graduated from. • If you submit an application under Category (2) to (6) of "Eligibility of applicants", the certificate of your Master's degree or corresponding degree must be submitted by the higher education institution equivalent to the university you have graduated from. A photocopy will not be acceptable (*Note 2). However, if it is difficult to reissue the certificate, copies are allowed. In this case, do not send the original one. Successful applicants must bring the original one at the time of enrollment procedures. Please also submit a Japanese translation in any format and make sure to attach it. Do not write directly on the original certificate. • If it is too difficult to obtain a reissued the certificate, copies are allowed. Its authenticity will be verified during entrance formalities.
④	Academic transcript	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic transcript must be prepared by university you are currently enrolled in or have graduated from.. • If you submit an application under Category (2) to (6) of "Eligibility of applicants", the certificate of your Master's degree or corresponding degree must be submitted a transcript prepared by the higher education institution equivalent to the university you have graduated from. A photocopy will not be acceptable. • However, if it is difficult to reissue the certificate, copies are allowed. In this case, do not send the original one. Successful applicants must bring the original one at the time of enrollment procedures.) • Please also submit a Japanese translation in any format and make sure to attach it. Do not write directly on the original certificate.
⑤	Master's thesis	<p>[If you have acquired a master's degree]</p> <p>Submit the master's thesis or equivalent and abstract of the master's thesis or equivalent paper. The abstract should be approximately 2000 characters in Japanese or 1000 words in English. All of these can be copied.</p> <p>[If you are currently in a master's program student]</p>

		Submit an outline of your master's thesis and the progress of your research (* approximately 1,000 words). Both documents can be prepared in any format.
⑥	Research Proposal	<p>[Use the prescribed Form D-3 of NCU]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare the research proposal that you are planning to conduct after entering a doctoral course. • The submitted research proposal will be used as a reference for the interview examination. • Describe the research topic, the motivation and background that led to the research topic, in particular, the specific issues to be clarified and the academic or social significance of the clarification.
⑦	Reason for Application	<p>[Use the prescribed Form D-4 of NCU]</p> <p>Summarize in approximately 1,000 words your reasons for applying to the doctoral program at this university.</p>
⑧	TOEIC Official Score Certificate	<p>Only scores from the TOEIC Listening & Reading Public Test are accepted.</p> <p>If you submit results from a TOEIC Listening & Reading Public Test administered in Japan on or after April 2023, you are, in principle, required to submit a copy of the digital official score certificate.</p> <p>In such cases, please also include the URL of the digital official score certificate on the reverse side of the copied certificate.</p> <p>Please note that score reports downloaded from and printed via the Korean TOEIC website are not accepted.</p>
⑨	Residence certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are a foreign national and eligible for residence in Japan, residence certificate is required to submit. • If your visa status is for short-term residence, submit a photocopy of the Japan entry visa stamped on your passport • If you are residing in a foreign country, submit a photocopy of your passport. <p>※Residence certificate without the “Social Security and Tax Number System” is accepted, if the number is printed on the certificate, please make sure to make it invisible by using a permanent black pen.</p>
⑩	Examination fee, etc. (30,410yen)	<p>[Paying the examination fees in Japan]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When paying the examination fees, fill in the transfer request form (prescribed form of NCU) with the required information, and present it with 30,410 yen (30,000yen for Examination fee + 410 yen for Express mail fee for the admission card to be sent) at bank, etc. for transfer. (Yucho Bank does not accept this transfer. Do not use an ATM, etc.; use only a teller service.) • The relevant bank fees are to be paid by the applicant. • Submit the “Examination Fee Payment Certificate (Slip B)” received from the bank, etc. together with the other application documents. (Do not submit the “Receipt of Transfer Amount (and Transfer Fee) (Slip A),” which should be retained by you.) • The examination fee is not normally refundable in principle. However, under a few circumstances, the paid examination fee may be refunded. Confirm this on the NCU website. <p>ex.) The examination fee was transferred twice.</p>

		<p>ex.) The application documents were not submitted after the examination fees have been transferred (or the application was not accepted).</p> <p>【Paying the examination fee from overseas】</p> <p>Transfer application fees of 30,410 yen (30,000yen for Examination fee + 410 yen for Express mail fee for the admission card to be sent) to the following accounts by May 28 (Thu), 2026 and submit a copy of the foreign remittance request form.</p> <p>Type of Transfer: Electronic Transfer</p> <p>Bank Transfer Fees: Paid by the remitter</p> <p>Amount of Transfer: 30,410 yen (JPY) + all fees associated with the transfer</p> <p>1) The remitter should pay “Japanese bank fees,” “remitter’s bank fees,” and all fees associated with the transfer.</p> <p>2) If you transfer money in foreign currency, your application will not be accepted.</p> <p>Purpose of Transfer: Application fees</p> <p>[Application Fields]</p> <p>Bank Name: The Bank of Mitsubishi UFJ, LTD</p> <p>Bank Branch: Takiko Branch</p> <p>Account Number: 1232518</p> <p>Beneficiary Name: Nagoya City University</p> <p>Address: 1 Kawasumi, Mizuho-cho, Mizuho-ku, Nagoya, Aichi 467-8601 JAPAN</p> <p>Currency: JPY</p> <p>Swift Code: BOTKJPJT</p>
⑪	Mailing label	<p>【Use the prescribed form of NCU】</p> <p>The mailing label will be used to announce the examination result to the applicants.</p>
⑫	NCU Address label	<p>【Use the prescribed form of NCU】</p> <p>Filled in the details on the designated address label and stick it onto A4sized envelop to be sent to the Entrance Examination and Public Relations Division.</p>

Note 1: If you submit an application under Categories (6), (7), or (8) of “Eligibility of applicants”, Application documents

② (Resumé), ③ (Certificate of Completion of Master’s Program) and ④ (Academic transcript) are not needed.

Note 2: If the name written on your “Academic Transcript,” “Diploma” or other certificates is different from your current name, provide the document proves that your name has been changed (e.g., family register).

Note 3: Those who wish to study while still employed do not need Examination Permit to take the entrance exam, etc, but should take special care to avoid trouble with their employers.

Note 4: As a rule, the examination fee is not normally refundable. However, in any of the below-listed cases, the paid examination fee may be refunded. This is confirmed on the NCU website.

- The examination fee was transferred twice.
- The application documents were not submitted after the examination fee, etc. were transferred (or the application was not accepted)

Note 5: Application documents, etc. will not be returned.

Note 6: The prescribed forms form D-2 to D-4 of NCU can be downloaded from the following website.

URL: <https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/english/faculty/admissions/nurse/index.html>

Postal address for application documents, etc. to:

Student Affairs Division, Admissions Office, Nagoya City University
1 Kawasumi, Mizuho-cho, Mizuho-ku, Nagoya, Aichi 467-8601, Japan

6 Preliminary consultation for applicants with disabilities.

Applicants who need special assistance for their disability during the examination or to complete their graduate studies must contact to the administrator, Office of Nursing School, NCU by e-mail (nursjimu@sec.nagoya-cu.ac.jp) before making an application.

7 Date and method of selection for admission

(1) Date, time, subjects, etc. of examination

Examination date	Examination time	Examination subject
June 24 (Wed), 2026	10:00 - 10:20	Interview examination

(2) Examination place and meeting time

Graduate School of Nursing, Nagoya City University (1 Kawasumi, Mizuho-cho, Mizuho-ku, Nagoya, Japan)

Note. The starting time of the examination may have been subject to change. Along with your admission card, we will send you an examination guide that includes confirmed meeting times, examination durations, etc.

8 Results of examination

July 15 (Wed), 2026

Examinees are notified of their results by post. If you have not received your results by July 21 (Tue), 2026, please contact the Student Affairs Office (see page 12). Successful applicants will also receive enclosed information regarding enrollment procedures, including deadlines and required documents. Results will not be announced via campus bulletin boards or the university website.

9 Admission procedure

(1) Expected date of procedure

Detailed schedule will be noticed at the announcement of examination results.

(2) Details of procedure

The details of the procedure will be notified to you together with the results of the examination.

(3) Fees payable during the admission procedure

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| a. Admission fee | Nagoya City residents, etc. | 232,000 yen |
| | Others | 332,000 yen |
| b. Disaster and accident insurance for student education and research | | 2,600 yen |

Note 1: The admission fee should be paid through a financial institution before commencing the admission procedure. Paid admission fee is not refundable.

Note 2: "Nagoya City residents, etc." means 'enrolled students' or 'those whose spouse or first-degree family member' can prove that his/her continuous residential period in Nagoya city is at least one year before the

date of admission by his/her resident certificate.

Note 3: Any revisions to the fees upon admission shall become effective immediately.

10 Tuition

Annual amount 535,800 yen (1st and 2nd semesters: 267,900 yen each)

Note 1: After admission, the tuition is to be paid in two installments a year (for the 1st semester and the 2nd semester) (automatic withdrawal from your account).

Note 2: Any revisions to the tuition during enrollment shall become effective immediately.

Note 3: Necessary expenses may be charged separately.

11 Immigration clearance

If the legitimate immigration clearance fails to be completed by the time limit for admission, the admission may be revoked. For details of admission, contact the following for confirmation:

<Immigration Information Center (Nagoya)>

5-18, Shoho-cho, Minato-ku, Nagoya, Aichi 455-8601 Tel: +81-52-559-2151

12 A wavers tuition

Students who can hardly afford the tuition fee with financial reasons and who are recognized to be achieving excellent results in their academic work can apply for a waiver of either full, half, or a quarter of their tuition fees after review.

13 Extended course system

- This system allows those who are unable to complete the course within the standard course period due to employment, etc., to systematically complete the course within a set period beyond the standard course period.
- Standard course period: Three years for the doctoral program (doctor's course)
- Extended course system: The above standard course period may be extended by one year (to make the course period up to four years)
- Annual tuition: The total tuition for the standard course period is calculated proportionally based on the extended course period

14 Scholarship system

Scholarships of the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) are available to graduate students.

Students wishing to apply to the programs will be referred following a review of academic achievement, research ability, etc., to determine eligibility.

15 Cautions

- (1) Applications lacking necessary documents cannot be accepted.
- (2) Applications found to have made false statements in their applications may have their admission revoked even after their enrollment.
- (3) Application documents, etc. will not be returned.
- (4) If your return address has been changed, notify it immediately to Student Affairs Division, Admission Office, NCU by e-mail.
- (5) A double enrollment is prohibited under the rule.

16 Treatment of your personal information

NCU treats your personal information in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information of Nagoya City as follows:

(1) Use of your personal information

- a. Your name, address and other personal information given in application documents, etc. are used for our operations of selection for admission (e.g., application registration, selection, application result announcement, admission procedure).
- b. Your personal information used for selection for admission (e.g., academic transcript) may be used as reference material for investigative research and academic research to improve future selection for admission and graduate education. (Investigative research results are announced in such a way that individuals cannot be identified.)
- c. After you are admitted, your personal information is used for operations related to educational affairs (e.g., enrollment management, schooling guidance), student support (e.g., health control, tuition waiver, application for scholarship, job placement support), and tuition collection.

(2) Entrustment of operations to external business operators

The operations of (1) above may be entrusted to some external business operators under an agreement with them for proper treatment of personal information.

17 Notifications from the university in case of emergency

In case of emergency (e.g., occurrence of disaster) or if changes are required to the contents of this application guidebook, students will be notified of the changes through the website of NCU. Particularly as the examination day draws near, pay close attention to the website, mobile site, etc. of NCU. Applicants may also be directly contacted. In your application documents, therefore, be sure to provide contact details where you can always be reached.

NCU Website: <https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/>

18 Smoke free campus

NCU hold the smoke free policy on campus. All students are required to follow this policy, and asked to further cooperate to avoid smoking on roads and around university campuses.

Related area and Academic Supervisors of the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Nursing

※Select your preferred academic supervisor and consult with them in advance.

※Applicants are requested to send an e-mail to the preferred academic supervisors to ensure that you will make an application.

Follow your faculty's e-mail address with "@med.nagoya-cu.ac.jp".

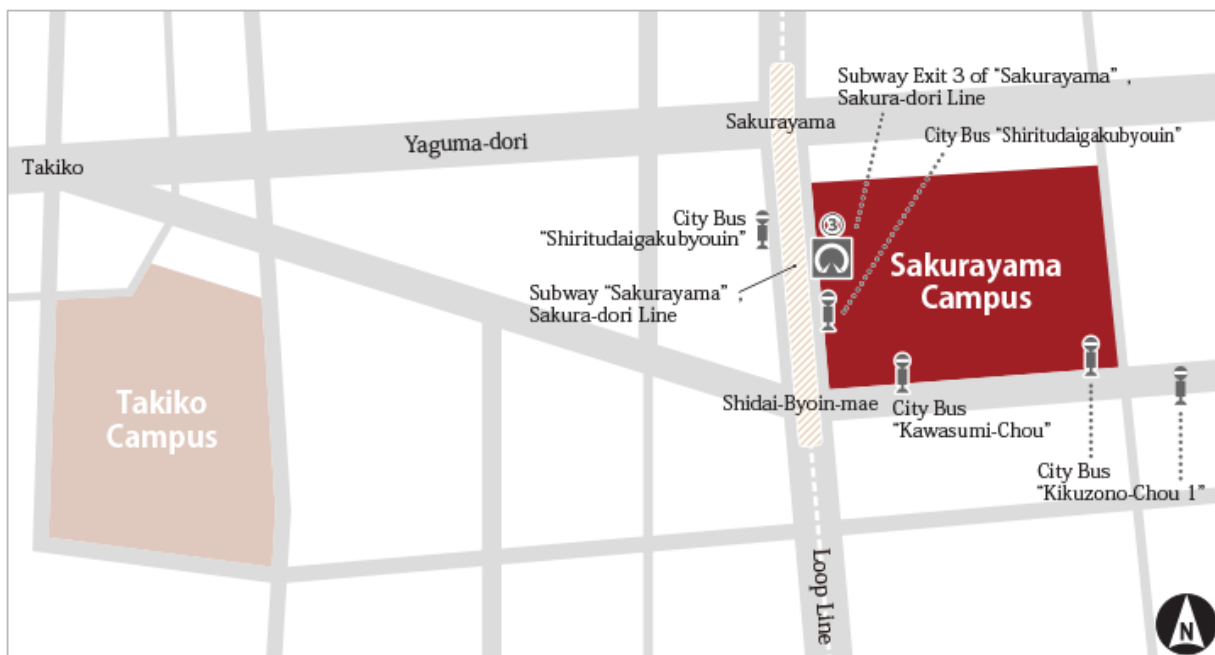
Academic Supervisor	e-mail	Research Key Words
Reproductive Health Nursing and Midwifery		
Prof. Hiroko WAKIMOTO	wakimoto	Reproductive health, Prevention of mother-to-child transmissions, Perinatal infection control care for pregnant women, Midwifery management
Prof. Takeshi SATO	og.sato	Assisted reproductive technology, Embryo development, Preimplantation genetic testing, Reproductive genetics and genomics, Fertility preservation
Child and Family Health Nursing		
Prof. Motoko YAMABE	sakura33	Pediatric Nursing (General), Clinical Skill, Oncology Nursing, Pediatric Nursing Management, Outpatient Care
Critical Care Nursing		
undecided		
Perioperative Nursing		
undecided		
Chronic Care Nursing		
Prof. Yukako ANDO	yukakoa	Self-care/Self-management, Decision-making, Palliative care, Symptom management, Behavior change
Gerontological Nursing		
Prof. Hiromi HIRATA	hirata	Dementia care, BPSD, Aggressive behavior, Occupational stress, Burnout
Advanced Medical Nursing		
Prof. Yasue KUBOTA	yasuekbt	Urination management, Excretion care, Urinary incontinence, Bladder function, Femtech
Prof. Eisuke KAKO	ekako	Quantitative Research, Advanced Nursing Practice, Acute Care, Physiological Monitoring, Advanced Nursing Practice
Nursing Management & Administration		
Prof. Kanae MOMINO	momino	Oncology Nursing, Fear of Cancer Recurrence, Nursing Management & Administration, Professional Identity, Nursing Education
Infection Prevention Nursing		
Prof. Kanna OKAYAMA	okayama	Healthcare-Associated Infection, Prevention and Care, Infection Control, Nursing, Bowel Management
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing		
Prof. Fujika KATSUKI	katsuki	Psychiatric and mental health nursing, Family care, Mental health support for nurses, Recovery-oriented care for person with mental illness
Prof. Hitoshi TANIMUKAI	tanimuki	Psychiatry; Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (CLP) / Palliative Care; Cognitive Function; Multidisciplinary Care; Mental Health
Home Care Nursing		
Prof. Akiko AKIYAMA	akiyama	Health promotion, Preventive care, Community-based integrated care system, Empowerment, Community resources
Community Health Nursing		
Prof. Akiko KADOMA	akado	Parenting support, Families facing difficulties in raising children, Child Abuse Prevention, Public Health Nursing, Open Dialogue
Assoc. Prof. Itsuko OZAKI	itsuko	Community Health, Occupational Health, Prevention of Lifestyle-related Diseases, Health education, Health Guidance

Global Health Nursing		
Prof. Michiyo HIGUCHI	michiyoh	Access to healthcare, Social determinants of health, Migrants Public health, Southeast Asia
Prof. Noriyo KANEKO	noriyok	LGBT Health Care, HIV Prevention, Sexual Health, Cervical Cancer Screening
Collaborative Practice Nursing		
Prof. Masakazu KUBOTA	mkubota	Dementia, Regional collaboration, The elderly, Home-visit nursing, ICT
Prof. Hiroyuki KAGAMI	kagami	Mathematical modeling, Nursing Science and Engineering, Nursing Informatics, Efficacy of Hot Springs, Apps Development
Prof. Jung Cha-Gyun	jung	Basic research, Alzheimer' s disease, Neurogenesis, Neuronal cell death, Bifidobacterium

This list is as of April 1, 2026, and could be possible to change in the future.

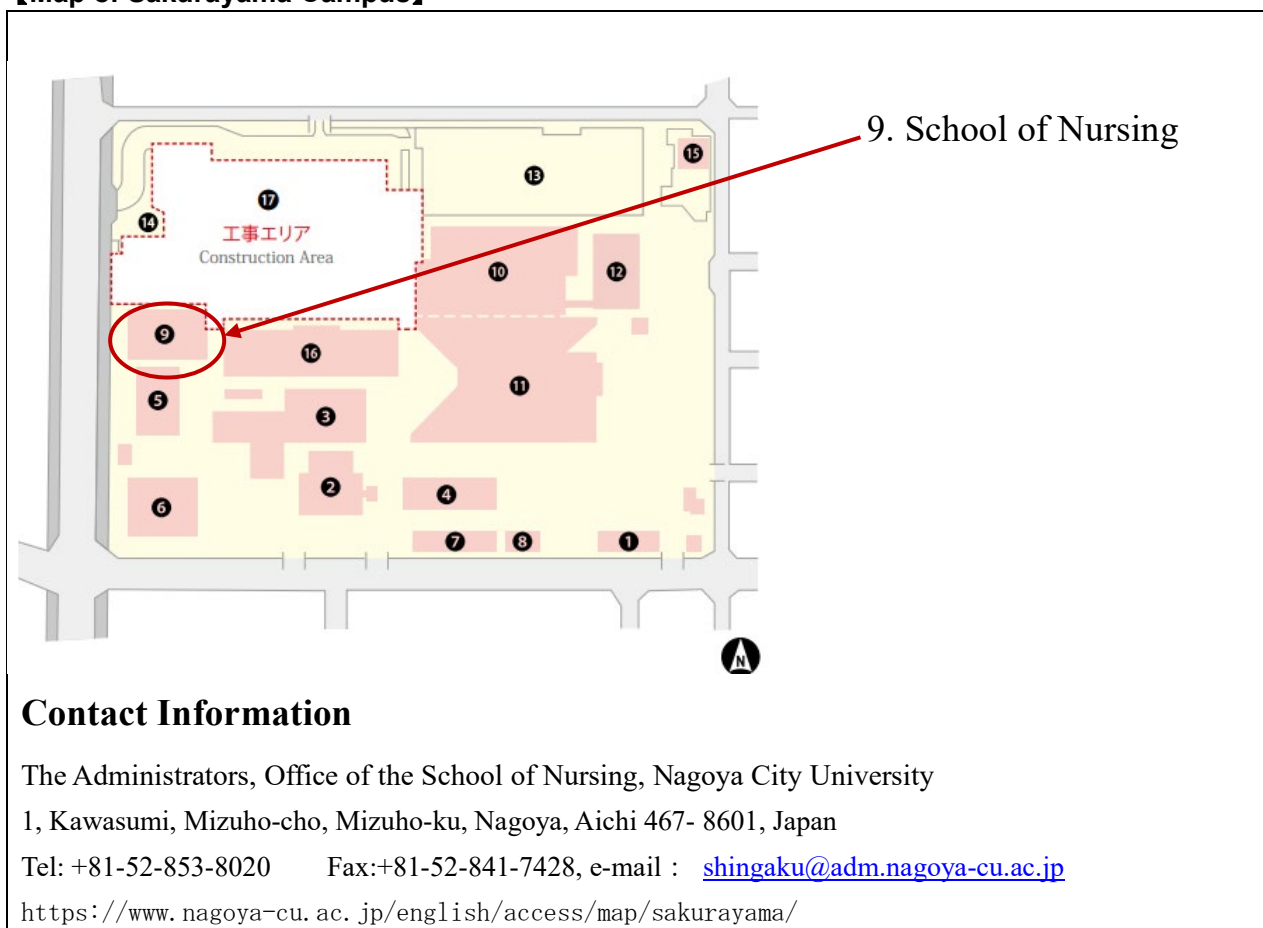
【Access Information】

- By Subway Right by Exit 3 of Sakurayama station, Sakura-dori Line
- By City Bus Take Kanayama 12 bus at platform 7 of Kanayama station and get off at "Shiritsu-Daigaku-Byoin"
Take Kanayama 14 (via Sakurayama) bus at Kanayama platform 8, and get off at "Shiritu-Daigaku-Byoin"



<https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/english/access/ncu/sakurayama/>

【Map of Sakurayama Campus】



Contact Information

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<https://www.nagoya-cu.ac.jp/english/access/map/sakurayama/>