Faculty of Education and Human Studies

The Faculty of Education and Human Studies Department specializes in one academic course that consists of: the School Curriculum Course which trains students to become educators; and the Regional Culture Department which is the core of various regional collaboration programs. The School Curriculum Course aims to cultivate future educators with practical classroom skills, while working in close cooperation with local schools and maintaining a high level of enthusiasm for education in order to meet the demands of the country's highest standards. In the Regional Culture Department, students learn a variety of subjects including social sciences and humanities, and combined with regional collaborations and on-site fieldwork, students can develop the practical skills required to view regional issues from a local and international perspective.

Faculty Organization

School Education Curriculum

We nurture future educators who can contribute to the vitalization of education in the region.

● Compulsory School Teachers

This program trains teachers with the advanced practical skills needed to support top-class academics nationwide, with an emphasis on the elementary and junior high school levels. Students will gain a deeper understanding of childhood development and growth, both mental and physical, and gain competencies for teaching in both elementary schools and junior high schools.

● English Language Teachers

In addition to improving students' practical English abilities so that they may become teachers at the elementary and junior high school levels, the program also trains teachers in Cross-Cultural Communication Skills which go beyond just the English language in order to educate Akita's next generation of globally capable people.

● Science and Mathematics Teachers

Students in this program expand their systematic knowledge of science and mathematics, and learn how to make these subjects interesting for young students. Part of this program's focus is on training teachers who can develop experiential understanding in their class rooms.

● Special-Needs Education Teachers

The program trains teachers to be able to support the development and growth of special needs students in an inclusive environment, as part of special-needs education at mainstream elementary and middle schools or at special-needs schools.

● Child Development and Education

The program offers training for teachers and covers nursery school through elementary school, providing a thorough understanding of child development and education at the nursery school, kindergarten, and elementary levels.

Regional Culture Department

Training talented students who can contribute to regional revitalization.

● Regional Studies

This course gives a diversified and comprehensive education in regional studies through the exploration of five areas: Public Policy Area covers subjects such as law and economics; Local Environment Area covers subjects such as sociology and geography; Practical Psychology Area offers the opportunity to train as a certified psychologist; in the Life Science Area students learn about utilizing local food resources in product development, living environments and more; and the Information Communication Area trains students in how to effectively use ICT.

● Humanities

In this course, Asian (including Japanese), European and American languages and cultures are studied from a humanities perspective through language, literature, history, philosophy and art. The foreign language education program (English, German, French, Russian, Chinese, Korean) together with the overseas study program aims to give students the skills needed to acquire a broad understanding of the international community, while also learning how to apply that knowledge to revitalizing regional culture.