

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 global perspective.

Faculty Organization

Department of School Education

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

● Course for 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.

● Course for 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.

● Course for Science and Mathematics Teachers

Students in this program expand their knowledge of science, mathemat-



ics and arithmetic and learn how to make these subjects interesting for younger students. We train teachers and enable them to learn through practical experience.

● Course for 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.

● Course for Child Development and Education

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

Department of Regional Studies and Humanities

Training talented students who can contribute to regional revitalization.

● Program in Regional Studies

Students study topics related to geography, environmental science, food science, building environmental science and information science, from the perspective of social sciences such as law, political science, economics, business administration, and sociology. We look to give them the ability to explore and understand regional issues using the knowledge and skills they have acquired both inside and outside the classroom.

● Program in International Culture Studies

Students learn about languages and cultures in Asia (including Japan), Europe and the US, through studying humanities-related topics such as literature, history, philosophy, art and linguistics. We utilize systematic foreign language education programs (UK, Germany, France, Russia, China, Korea) and overseas training to help students understand different aspects of international society and acquire knowledge which can be applied to the revitalization of regional culture.

● Program in Psychological Studies

Students learn the required theory, practice, statistics, and interviewing skills for psychology from basic to advanced in a systematic manner. They also aim to obtain practical abilities and solve regional problems by using their skills and knowledge.



Collaboration with local governments and producers; Collaboration (regional market)



Overseas training (Russia)



Sandplay therapy (Clinical psychology assessment, exercise 1)