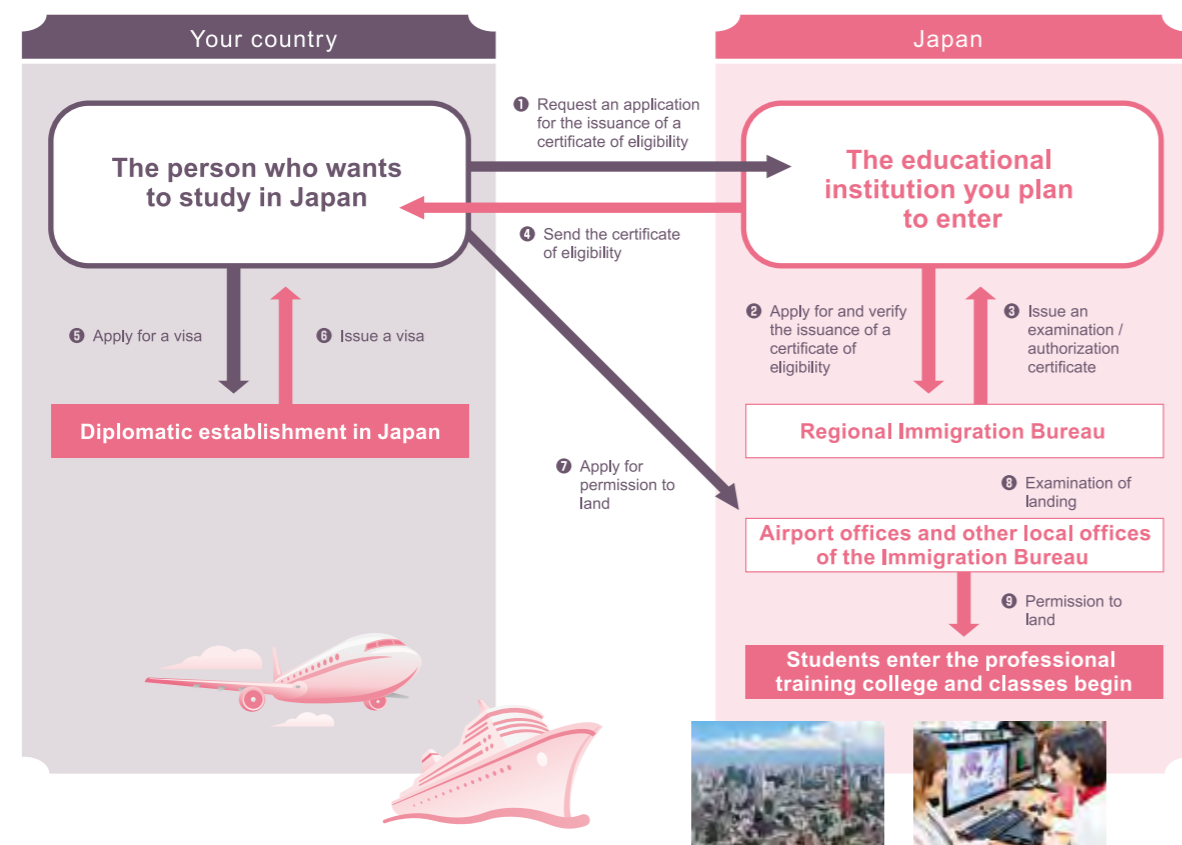


# Procedures for immigrating to Japan



## Apply for the issuance of a certificate of eligibility

- [Applicant]
- The person who wants to study in Japan
  - Agent (e.g., an employee of the institution accepting the student)\*
- \* In many cases, agents will handle the procedures.

- [Documents required]
- Application for the issuance of a certificate of eligibility
  - Photo
  - Self-addressed envelope
  - In addition to the above, the documents to be submitted may vary among institutions. Ask the institution you are applying to.

## Apply for a visa

After a certificate of eligibility has been issued, apply for a visa at the Japanese embassy for your country or an equivalent office.

- [Documents required]
- Passport
  - Visa application
  - Photo
  - Certificate of eligibility
- \* In addition to the above, other documents may also be required.

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# PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COLLEGE in JAPAN GUIDE BOOK

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Japan: The easiest country to find a job in

Its combination of specialized skills and hospitality is drawing attention in Asia!

## Welcome to a professional training college in Japan!

Message from the Office for the Promotion of Specialized Training College Education, Lifelong Learning Promotion Division, Lifelong Learning Policy Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

### To everyone who wants to acquire vocational skills in Japan

Since the establishment of the professional training college system in 1976, professional training colleges in Japan have taken advantage of the characteristics of this flexible system and have become core institutions for practical education in response to changes in society. Today, nearly 590,000 students study at professional training colleges, which constitute an important part of the institutions of higher education in Japan.

Regarding vocational skills training, professional training colleges offer specialized and practical know-how in eight different fields, including Technology, Agriculture, Medical Care, Personal Care and Nutrition, Education and Welfare, Business, Fashion and Home Economics and Culture and General Education. These professional training colleges are training the human resources who will be supporting the industries that are expected to continue to grow in the global market, from manga, animation, games, fashion and the other pop culture categories that are drawing attention around the world today and are collectively referred to as

“Cool Japan,” to environmental energy, IT and social infrastructure.

In Japan, professional training colleges are seen as producing important human resources that support society. Graduates from a professional training college are regarded, with great expectations, as having acquired specialized skills for a given workplace.

Irrespective of economic trends, many graduates from professional training colleges have been successful in finding jobs. In particular, many Japanese companies that are expanding overseas want human resources who are capable of serving as a bridge between Japan and other countries, and have high expectations of foreign students who have learned specialized skills and Japanese culture at a professional training college.

After studying at a professional training college in Japan, you will be expected to expand the realm of your work worldwide as a professional who is practically equipped with vocational skills.



INDUSTRY

IT / WEB

CULTURE  
ANIMATION



JAPAN

HOSPITALITY

HEALTH

MEDICAL CARE

FASHION

In recent years, Asian countries, including those in Southeast Asia, have enjoyed remarkable growth in their economies and industries. Some companies in these countries are already leading the global economy.

Developing countries are no exception. They are drawing attention from around the world as hubs for outsourcing for many other countries in many different types of businesses, such as technology and infrastructure, manufacturing, food, fashion, beauty and media.

In many different areas of industry, Japan has leveraged its strength in technology, manners and hospitality, and has contributed to the growth of many other countries. The bedrock of its contribution lies in its professional training colleges.

Professional training colleges are official educational institutions authorized by the national government and enable students to acquire different certifications that can lead directly to an occupation. Every year, many foreign students come to Japan and enter the colleges.

The number of these foreign students reaches nearly 59,000. In addition to offering people the opportunity to acquire specialized skills and qualifications, Japan is safe to live in, is easy for foreigners to find a job in, and is also attracting attention for its animation, food, nature and other cultural aspects.

You can acquire cultural knowledge and many different skills at a professional training college in Japan and be a step closer to finding a job at a Japanese company or a major corporation in your country.

Acquire advanced, specialized qualifications and skills

# Professional training colleges in Japan

Studying at a professional training college leads directly to a professional career

Professional training colleges in Japan are institutions of higher education and offer practical vocational training. Aimed at helping people acquire the knowledge, techniques and skills necessary for jobs and life and to improve their general education, professional training colleges can be divided into many different fields, such as medical care, technology, culture and general education, business, personal care and nutrition, education and welfare, fashion and home economics and agriculture.

Professional training colleges in Japan

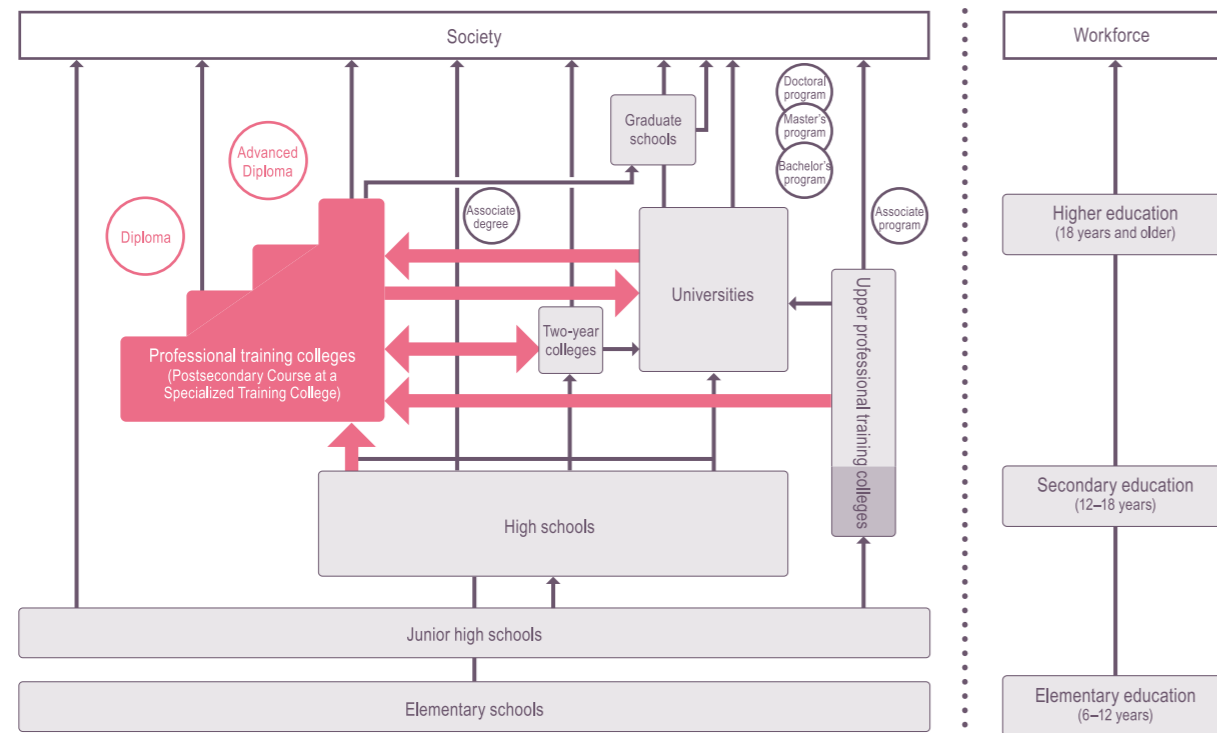
Number : 2,822

Number of students admitted: 268,654  
Total number of students: 588,223

(As of May 2017)

## Position of professional training colleges in Japan

Professional training colleges are regarded as institutions of higher education, just like universities and two-year colleges, and offer vocational training in Japan at the stage of higher education. Currently, students who have completed a program such as studying for two or more years (i.e., at least 1,700 hours of classes) at a professional training college receive a Diploma, whereas those who have completed a program such as studying for four years or more (i.e., at least 3,400 hours of classes) receive an Advanced Diploma. Students with a Diploma are allowed to transfer to a university, and students with an Advanced Diploma may enroll in a graduate school.



### Academic degrees and titles in Japan

Classification of educational institutions	Academic degrees in Japan	Classification of educational institutions	Titles in Japan
Graduate School	Doctorate degree	University/College	Advanced Diploma
	Master's degree		
University/College	Bachelor's degree	Professional Training College	Diploma
Junior College	Associate degree		

\* Students who have graduated from a two-year or longer postsecondary course receive the title of Diploma, and students who have graduated from a four-year postsecondary course receive the title of Advanced Diploma.

Acquire national qualifications and many other advantages

# Advantages of studying at a professional training college

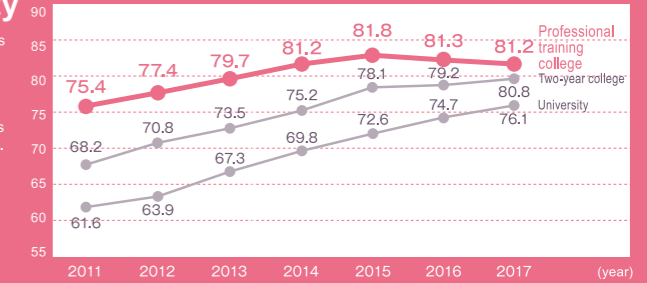
The biggest advantage of studying at a Japanese professional training college is the direct path to a professional career. Professional training colleges are designed for students to acquire an advanced specialty in any field of profession. Today, they play an important role as higher educational institutions, just like universities do.

## Very beneficial for finding a job, and also allow you to transfer to a university



Professional training colleges have always responded to society's needs in an effort to continue to cooperate with industrial circles. As vocational training institutions, professional training colleges produce industry-ready human resources. This has led to a high placement rate for graduates. The quality of training given at professional training colleges is highly regarded by universities. In fact, students who complete a two-year program at a professional training college may be allowed to transfer to a university.

Percentages of graduates from a professional training college, university or two-year college who find employment (%)



## The opportunity to learn specialized skills and knowledge that can be applied anywhere in the world

Today, Japan's technical aptitude is attracting attention around the world in many different fields, from technology, infrastructure, food and tourism to fashion and media. Japan's professional training colleges offer the opportunity to acquire a high level of specialized knowledge in any of these fields.



## Excellent environments, facilities and equipment

For example, professional training colleges in animation, design and other media-related fields provide each student with a computer. Professional training colleges in cooking-related areas use the latest utensils so students can stay on top of international trends. You can learn at facilities and on equipment good enough to ensure a high level of training.



## Technical Skill

### The opportunity to acquire an advanced specialty

All instructors at professional training colleges are specialists in their fields. Therefore, the knowledge gained at these colleges is first class and immediately applicable to the relevant industry. Many of these colleges proactively run internship programs, allowing students to acquire Japanese companies' know-how while continuing to be enrolled in the college. Japanese companies are notable worldwide in the fields of technology, automobiles, household appliances, fashion, and many others. Being exposed to these companies' know-how will definitely give you a huge head start.



## Hospitality

### The spirit of omotenashi unique to Japan

The word omotenashi, which means "hospitality," was effectively referenced at the presentation last year to host the Olympics in Tokyo. This reference really got people talking. Japan is the country of hospitality, and always places importance on manners and courtesy. In Japan, a high level of omotenashi is required in any industry or field, including tourism, restaurant, medical care or education. By living solely in Japan, you will be continually exposed to hospitality skills. This is a great advantage.



## Specialized training and extensive job opportunities covering many job categories

Why do professional training colleges offer such extensive job opportunities? Because their programs are customized to “specialize” in their respective field.

Professional training colleges cover many different vocations, including medical care, welfare, childcare, teaching, cosmetology/makeup, cooking/confectionery making/nutrition, hotel/tourism/transportation, sports/social welfare, pets/animals, clothing/fashion, music/instruments, mass media/entertainment/editing, programming/computers, games, voiceover/manga/animation, design/art, calligraphy, architecture/civil engineering/interior design, civil service/business, automobile mechanics/motor sports, electricity/electronics, the environment, biotechnology/agriculture/chemistry, aircraft mechanics/piloting, and many others. It is important that you choose the right college based on what you want to be.

	Want to fully utilize your talent? (Culture and General Education, Personal Care and Nutrition, Fashion and Home Economics)	Want a job making something? (Technology, Agriculture)	Want to be a business professional? (Business)	Want to help others? (Medical Care, Education and Welfare)
	Want a job related to fashion, cosmetology or cooking? Want to utilize your talent in music, design or language? A professional training college will help you to cultivate your tastes and talent so you can acquire more skills and knowledge.	Love cars? Want to make robots? This group of fields is good for anyone interested in electricity, engineering or agriculture. The latest kinds of training are available, allowing you to learn the most advanced skills and pursue a practical career in manufacturing.	Acquire the latest knowledge in information technology or accounting, taught with the aim of developing many types of human resources, responsive to today's economies. As a business professional, a graduate from a professional training college will find job opportunities at any company.	Want to help other people? Want to work in the medical care or nursing care field? A professional training college gives you the specialized knowledge and skills necessary for these professions and helps you acquire a qualification, while also aiming to foster your sense of responsibility and enrich your spirit.
Major fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cosmetology</li> <li>● Design</li> <li>● Cooking, confectionery making and breadmaking</li> <li>● Music</li> <li>● Language</li> <li>● Animals</li> <li>● Fashion</li> <li>● Film and broadcasting, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information processing</li> <li>● Automobile mechanics</li> <li>● Civil engineering and architecture</li> <li>● Electricity and electronics</li> <li>● Machinery</li> <li>● Biotechnology, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Business</li> <li>● Travel and tourism</li> <li>● Accounting and bookkeeping</li> <li>● Information</li> <li>● Commerce</li> <li>● Management</li> <li>● Secretarial, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nursing</li> <li>● Physical / occupational therapy</li> <li>● Dental hygiene</li> <li>● Judo therapy</li> <li>● Care welfare, etc.</li> </ul>
Post-graduate qualifications for jobs and examinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beautician</li> <li>● Cook</li> <li>● Confectionery hygiene master</li> <li>● Fashion business competency examination</li> <li>● TOEIC®, etc.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information processing engineer examination</li> <li>● Automobile mechanic</li> <li>● Architect</li> <li>● Electrician</li> <li>● Aircraft mechanic</li> <li>● Land surveyor, etc.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tax accountant</li> <li>● Travel supervisor</li> <li>● Bookkeeping test</li> <li>● Secretary test</li> <li>● Business competency test, etc.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nurse</li> <li>● Dental hygienist</li> <li>● Physical therapist</li> <li>● Occupational therapist</li> <li>● Care worker</li> <li>● Clinical laboratory technologist, etc.</li> </ul> 
Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Graphic designer</li> <li>● Fashion designer</li> <li>● Illustrator</li> <li>● Interpreter/Guide</li> <li>● Beautician</li> <li>● Cook</li> <li>● Pastry chef, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● System engineer</li> <li>● IT engineer</li> <li>● Game designer</li> <li>● Automobile mechanic</li> <li>● Architect</li> <li>● Broadcast engineer, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tourism</li> <li>● Hotel staff</li> <li>● Tax accountant</li> <li>● Medical staff</li> <li>● Secretary</li> <li>● Flight attendant, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nurse</li> <li>● Dental hygienist</li> <li>● Physical therapist</li> <li>● Occupational therapist</li> <li>● Radiology technologist</li> <li>● Orthoptist</li> <li>● Care worker, etc.</li> </ul>

\* A non-Japanese student may not necessarily be allowed to work in Japan, even if he or she has acquired a qualification or similar after graduating from a professional training college. Ask the college for detailed information.

\* The above information is valid as of February 2018. Other than this, many different eligibility requirements may have been specified.

## Many foreign students study in Japan every year



### Requirements for entrance to a professional training college and a Diploma/Advanced Diploma

**Entrance** You must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- (1) Have completed 12 years of education overseas;
- (2) Have passed an academic achievement test overseas, equivalent to the completion of 12 years of education, and are at least 18 years old;
- (3) Have completed a study program at a foreign nationals' school in Japan designated as equivalent to a foreign high school, and are at least 18 years old;
- (4) Have received an international baccalaureate degree, an abitur degree or a baccalaureate degree, and are at least 18 years old;
- (5) Have completed 12 years of education at a foreign nationals' school operating in Japan that is authorized by an international rating organization (WASC, CIS or ACSI), and are at least 18 years old; or
- (6) Have been deemed by a professional training college to have academic skills equivalent to a high school graduate based on a review of your enrollment eligibility, and are at least 18 years old.

For (1) through (3), if you have not completed 12 years of education, you need to satisfy one of the following requirements to be eligible for enrollment.

If you have completed 10 years or 11 years of education in India, the Philippines, Malaysia, etc.,

- (1) Enroll in a higher educational institution, such as a university, in your country for one or two years to complete 12 years of education; or
- (2) Enroll in a course designed to prepare you to be admitted to a university, and study for one or two years.

If you satisfy any of these requirements you will be qualified to enter a professional training college.

**Japanese proficiency** You must satisfy one of the following requirements:

- (1) Have received Japanese language training for six months or more at one of the teaching institutions included in the notification by the Minister of Justice;
- (2) Have passed N1 or N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test provided by the Japan Educational Exchanges and Services and the Japan Foundation;
- (3) Have received a year or more of education at an elementary school, junior high school or high school in Japan; (excluding kindergarteners)
- (4) Have scored at least 200 points in the Japanese language (total score for reading, listening and listening/reading) on the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students provided by Independent Administrative Institution Japan Student Services Organization;
- (5) Have scored at least 400 points on the BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test provided by the Japan Kanji Aptitude Testing Public Interest Foundation; or

### Ability to pay your school expenses

You are required to be able to pay school expenses, living expenses and other expenses required to continue studying in Japan.

### Requirements for conferment of Diploma/Advanced Diploma titles

	Diploma	Advanced Diploma
Entrance	April (some students may enter in October)	April (some students may enter in October)
Years at the college	2 years or more	4 years or more
Hours spent in classes	1,700 hours or more	3,400 hours or more
Certificate of completion	A test or similar will be given and the results will be reviewed before the completion of the course is certified.	A test or similar will be given and the results will be reviewed before the completion of the course is certified.
Course	—	The course has been systematically organized.

### Documents required for application

The following documents are generally required, although there are some differences among professional training colleges. For details, contact the college you wish to apply to.

- (1) Completed application form specified by the college
- (2) High school graduation certificate
- (3) Academic transcript from your last school
- (4) Attendance certificate and academic transcript from a Japanese language teaching institution (if you reside in Japan)
- (5) Japanese proficiency certificate (if you do not reside in Japan)
- (6) Health report
- (7) Photo
- (8) Any document proving your ability to pay your school expenses (e.g., a bank statement from you or your guarantor)

### A piece of advice

#### Entrance examination for a professional training college

The entrance examination focuses on whether you have a clear sense of purpose in a given field, whether your proficiency in Japanese and academic skills are sufficient for you to understand what is taught in the classes, and whether you are sufficiently motivated to learn.

# Many different ways to enroll and expand your career options



Current student

Japanese university → Professional training college



**By working at a trading company, I plan to extend the scope of my activities to a broader global sphere.**

Japan College of Foreign Languages  
**Costa Alexanre**  
(Portugal)

When I was in my first year of high school, I started teaching myself Japanese. Since my country is very small, I hoped to extend the scope of my activities to a broader global sphere. So I decided to go to Japan to study. First, I learned linguistics at a Japanese university. I became serious about pursuing a professional career, and after graduating from university I decided to go to the Japan College of Foreign Languages. That college gave me detailed information on how to commit to and prepare for a job search, as well as related know-how, the kind of information my university did not teach. Now I am studying hard with the goal of getting a job at a trading company.

Current student

Japanese language school → Professional training college




**In addition to specialized knowledge, I learned the importance of self-discipline.**

Japan Electronics College  
**KHMYROV ANDREY**  
(Russia)

When I was at university, I became interested in Japanese literature, represented by such writers as Ryunosuke Akutagawa, Yasunari Kawabata, and Kobo Abe. This led me to start learning the Japanese language. In college, I learned the importance of self-discipline as well as specialized knowledge. Self-discipline is hard, but I think it is a very important skill: Being able to do it can change your whole life. After I join a company, I plan to become involved in developing IT systems as a system engineer. While I will continue to strive to improve, I will keep trying to find a job that serves as a bridge between Russia and Japan.

Current student

Japanese language school → Professional training college




**In order to become an architect, I am studying in Japan, where the latest architectural technologies are taught.**

Syusei Technical College  
**ENG HAKSENG**  
(Cambodia)

Despite Japan's frequent earthquakes, there are many high-rise buildings in its major cities. Seeking to learn Japan's outstanding architectural technologies, I came to this country and entered a professional training college that teaches construction. Although I am not very fluent in Japanese, my teachers and friends are kindly assisting me, which is very helpful. Many of my assignments are practical and I will find them useful when I start my professional career. The college has a high placement rate. I plan to find a job in Japan and gain knowledge and experience before returning to Cambodia to open an office. My first goal now is to get an architect's license.

Current student

Japanese language school → Professional training college



**I became interested in studying in Japan, a country with the world's top technologies.**

Nihon Riko-Jyoho Institute of Science and Engineering Vocational School  
**RADINIAINA HENINTSOASAROBIDY TOKINIRINA**  
(Madagascar)

I naturally enjoy studying technology. I believed that Japan would be the optimal place to learn the latest technologies, as it has the best in the world. So I decided to go to Japan to study. At my school, we are gaining a wide range of knowledge, from basic to expert. When I obtained a national qualification as a telecommunications construction engineer (DD Type 1), I was happy to see that my efforts had borne fruit. Right after I arrived in Japan, I was confused about the different language and culture. Now I live in this country quite comfortably. If you are planning to study abroad, I recommend Japan.

Current student

Japanese language school → Professional training college



**It is important to learn in advance the culture and customs of the country you are going to.**

The Jikei Group of Colleges  
Nagoya Communication Arts College  
**PRUNIERES MATHILDE CECILE EDITH**  
(France)

Since I was a child, I have longed to experience Japanese culture and life. I decided to go to Japan, hoping to experience life in this country at least once. At college I am learning keyboard performance with the aim of starting a professional career. All the Japanese people I meet are gentle and kind. Whenever I have a problem, there is always someone to help me out. This makes me feel secure. If you are planning to go to Japan to study, be sure to learn about and understand Japanese culture and customs in advance. Otherwise you may be confused when you discover that something is unacceptable in Japan that is taken for granted in your country.

Current student

Japanese language school → Professional training college



**The process of trying to achieve your dreams and goals is a lot of fun.**

The Jikei Group of Colleges  
Fukuoka Design Communication College  
**VINCENT TUIJP**  
(Netherlands)

Watching Japanese animation kindled my interest in Japanese culture and Japanese people's lives. So I decided to go to Japan to study. At my college, through group productions I learned the importance of team activities and leadership, in addition to learning the skills related to game production. I also find pursuing my goals to be a lot of fun. In my daily life, I am very impressed by the Japanese people's characteristic politeness and spirit of hospitality. If you are planning to study abroad, I would definitely recommend that you come to Japan to follow your dreams.

Current student

Outside of Japan → Professional training college




**Expanding your vocabulary is important to facilitate your daily life.**

Tohoku Foreign Language & Tourism College  
**PETROV ALEXANDER**  
(Russia)

I have been interested in Japanese culture since childhood. So I decided to go to Japan to improve my Japanese language skills and experience Japanese culture. The most important thing to do when studying at a professional training college is to expand your vocabulary. In many situations, you will not have a dictionary at hand. The more Japanese words you know, the easier things will be. Studying abroad is a lot of fun, but it is also lonely to be separated from your family and the other people you know. If you get lonely, remember why you are here, regain your confidence, and move forward.

Graduate

Outside of Japan → Professional training college → Transfer to university



**I plan to learn Japan's advanced technologies and contribute to Kenya's architectural industry.**

Graduate of Syusei Technical College  
**KAIGWA TWELE GICHUHI**  
(Kenya)  
Yamaguchi University

I came to Japan to study the country's advanced architectural technologies. I had heard that Japan is a safe country, and that its people are kind. So I wasn't worried about living in Japan. After I transferred to a university, I realized that a lot of the basic knowledge I learned at my professional training college can be used in many different situations. I am confident that I made the right decision to study at a professional training college. In the future, I plan to join a Japanese company to learn work procedures and acquire skills, bring back this knowledge to Kenya, and contribute to my country's construction industry. Japan is blessed with an amazing culture. If you get a chance, why not come and experience it?

Graduate

Outside of Japan → Professional training college → Find a job in Japan




**Learning about Japanese culture helped me find a job.**

The Jikei Group of Colleges  
Graduate of Osaka Communication Arts College  
**JOHANNES SUNDLOV**  
(Sweden)  
Matrix Software

I like Japanese games and animation. As I became interested in Japan, I decided to go to the country, as I had dreamed of working at a Japanese games company. Needless to say, I acquired CG skills in college. Furthermore, studying with my Japanese friends every day deepened my understanding of Japanese culture. In fact, this was very helpful for joining a Japanese company as a CG designer. In the gaming industry I will continue to improve my CG skills and become a leading designer.

Graduate

Outside of Japan → Professional training college → Transfer to university



**I plan to launch my own brand by utilizing Japan's advanced techniques.**

Graduate of Bunka Fashion College  
**VESELOVA Viktoriya**  
(Russia)  
Bunka Fashion Graduate University

I came to Japan because I was inspired by Japanese culture, such as its art and architecture. At university I am studying sewing and textiles in addition to the language. I am taking a course on design drawing to improve my expression, and am also learning how to start a business. All my classes are practical. The college's facilities and equipment are amazing and are helping to expand the possibilities of design. My goal is to launch my own brand by utilizing Japan's advanced techniques, and successfully stay active. Japan is a safe place, so you can comfortably focus on being creative. Fully pursuing what you enjoy is the key to success. Set a goal and strive to achieve it.

# Japan welcomes foreign students

In Japan, professional training colleges as well as the government, educational institutions, private enterprises and many other institutions are willing to accept foreign students. A high level of security ensures that you always feel safe. Japanese traditional culture has attracted attention internationally. Japan also has modern cities and nature-rich environments. Here, you have everything you need to ensure that you will be very satisfied when studying abroad.

## Advantages of studying in Japan

### 1 The highest level of security in the world

You can always feel secure about studying in Japan, one of the safest countries in the world. You will also experience the good-natured and kind character of the Japanese people in many situations.



### 2 Wide availability of dormitories and apartments

Many professional training colleges partner with or own dormitories or apartments to accommodate foreign students. You will definitely find a place that is comfortable and convenient for commuting.



### 3 Exposure to Japanese traditions and culture

Japan has modern cities, abundant nature and a unique culture of animation and fashion that has drawn attention from around the world. Every day you will discover many new things.



### 4 Japan ensures that foreign students are very satisfied

According to one survey, many foreign students who have studied in Japan are satisfied with their experience in the country. The hospitality of its services, the character of its people, and the ease of studying and working part-time will enrich your life and studies in Japan. This is something you can't experience in any other country.

Impressions of Japan after coming to this country

Your impression of Japanese people after coming to this country	Classification	Better	Worse	Neither better nor worse	Don't know	Total
	Number (of persons)	2,756	595	2,585	100	6,036
Percentage (%)	45.6	9.9	42.8	1.7	100.0	

Overall impression of your experience in Japan	Classification	Better	Worse	Neither better nor worse	Don't know	Total
	Number (of persons)	5,480	67	467	22	6,036
Percentage (%)	90.8	1.1	7.7	0.4	100.0	

(Reference: 2015 JASSO research)

### 5 Professional training colleges expand future prospects

In Japan, professional training colleges are recognized as institutions to develop important human resources with specialized knowledge and skills. Graduates of the colleges are active in many different areas. The Cool Japan strategy for expanding the attractiveness of Japan is underway and Japanese content is gaining more attention from around the world. These facts led to the clarification of standards for a resident status for foreign students who are pursuing careers in animation, fashion, design, food and other areas relating to Cool Japan. The Japanese national government has shown its willingness to employ foreign students in the industry of nursing care. For example, some foreign students of Japanese professional training colleges with a care worker's certification have been allowed to acquire a working visa in Japan. Also, the rate of successful employment of graduates from professional training colleges has remained at a high level irrespective of economic trends.



## School expenses (amount paid in the first year)

The practical training fee and textbook fee must be paid in addition to the money payable in the first year—namely, the admission fee and tuition. Fees differ among fields and colleges. The following should be considered as a rough standard.

Tuition, etc. (yen)	471,000 – 1,109,000
Admission fee (yen)	96,000 – 403,000
Total (yen)	814,000 – 1,724,000
Total (dollars)	8,140 – 17,240



\* Calculated on the assumption that 1 US dollar equals 100 yen  
\*Average amount for daytime classes (data provided by the Metropolitan Tokyo Professional Institution Association)  
\*The above expenses may vary among fields.

## Part-time jobs

According to a survey by JASSO, nearly 83% of foreign students of professional training colleges have a part-time job. Restaurant-related jobs are the most common, followed by sales, teaching/research assistant and hotel staff/hall staff, among others. The hourly wage ranges from 800 yen to 1,200 yen for a restaurant job, with some differences between jobs and regions. If you work 28 hours a week, the maximum weekly working hours provided by the law, you will make almost 80,000 to 120,000 yen a month. To work part time, you must obtain from the nearest Immigration Bureau or equivalent permission to engage in activities other than those permitted, and attest to the following:

- (1) That the part-time job will not hinder your studies.
- (2) That the part-time job is to supplement your school expenses and/or other necessary expenses, and is not for savings or for sending money home.
- (3) That the part-time job does not involve the sex industry.
- (4) That you will not work more than 28 hours a week.
- (5) That the part-time job is allowed only during the period of your enrollment in the training institution.

Major part-time jobs for foreign students

	Job	Percentage
1	Restaurant	45.7%
2	Sales and Selling (Convenience Stores, etc.)	26.3%
3	Teaching / research assistant	6.9%
4	Translation, interpretation	6.8%
5	Language teacher	6.5%
6	Cleaning	5.1%
7	Hotel receptionist, hall staff	5.0%
8	Tutoring	4.6%
9	General Administration	4.4%
10	Factory Assembly Work	4.3%

After July 9, 2012, an application for permission to engage in activities other than those permitted may be made at the airport that issues your residence card when permission to land is given (as of the abovementioned date, only Narita Airport, Haneda Airport, Central Japan International Airport and Kansai International Airport were issuing residence cards).

\* If you work without permission or work beyond the time or scope permitted, you may be punished or forced to leave the country.

Institutions such as professional training colleges and public employment agencies around the country, known as Hello Work, refer foreign students to part-time jobs.

<Reference: 2015JASSO research>

## Common example of income and expenditure

		Money sent from parent, brother or relative	Part-time	Total income	Tuition	Food	Rent	Total expenditure
Professional training colleges	Countries using kanji	96,234	82,050	166,088	66,129	31,818	42,908	166,063
	Countries not using kanji	62,751	93,007	151,932	56,235	24,267	31,749	145,340

< Source: A survey by JASSO >

\*The totals also include amounts of money for other items than those specified above.

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