Niigata University offers three Programs for foreign students and researchers who have various interests in the practices and system of education in Japan. Within these programs, students can not only have personal guidance from advisors and attend to related seminars but also have chances to visit actual sites of educational practices according to their research themes.

◇ University overview

Niigata University was established in 1949 in Niigata City as the center for higher education and research in the areas along the Sea of Japan. The University has ten faculties, five graduate schools and Medical and Dental Hospitals, where about 12,300 students receive undergraduate and graduate education and about 3,000 research staff and officers work. Its two campuses are located in the center and the west side of the City: Faculty of Education is located in Ikarashi Campus. You can go to Niigata City by Shinkansen Bullet Train from Tokyo in two hours. Niigata City commands Japan Sea and, in its behind, there spreads Echigo Plain, the biggest plain in Japan. Everyone who visits our university for the first time is surprised to know that there exists the intellectual community surrounded by beautiful nature within two hours reach from Tokyo. All the people who have ever lived in Niigata are impressed with the high amenity of the city and the traditional Japanese food still firmly rooted in the daily life. The Faculty of Education has about 1,500 students and over 100 faculty members. The majors of the faculty members cover such wide area as art, music, sport, physics, chemistry, biology, history, sociology, politics and education.

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

1 Characteristics of the program
We are going to provide three Programs, which will satisfy the various interests of foreigners on Japanese educational practice and system. Each Program is organized and run by research staff at Faculty of Education, who have profound knowledge and wide experiences on the theme covered by Program. If necessary, the programs will arrange study visits to schools attached to the Faculty or in local districts.

2 Number of students to be accepted: 6

3 Outline of the course
(1) Japanese language education
During the first six months, international teachers are to receive Intensive Course on Japanese provided by the Global Education Center of Niigata University.

(2) Specialized training
After the six months intensive training on Japanese, international teachers will start one-year training in the Programs. At the beginning, each Program provides the introductory lectures. Upon the discussion with the Program staff, international teachers decide the course(s) and seminar(s) they will take part in. If necessary, the staff will arrange a practical study of teaching methods and a class teaching in elementary, junior and junior high schools of the Niigata school district.

① Program on peace education
- History of peace education in Japan and its current issues.
- Development of educational materials on peace education for students’ countries.

② Program on sports education
- Philosophy of Japanese martial arts and its comparison to Western philosophy of sports.
- Understanding the value of international exchanges through sports.

◇ Accommodations
- Niigata University International House.
- Monthly rent: 22,000 yen (single room)
- Facilities: Bath and toilet unit, kitchen unit, hot water facilities, air-conditioning and heating equipment.
- Equipment: Bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, wardrobe, cupboard with table, gas cooking equipment, refrigerator, microwave oven, and fire extinguisher.
- It is located in campus. Students from this program can stay in International House. Also, university has six apartments for international students outside of campus with almost the same condition of International House.

◇ Contact
- International Office, Niigata University
- Address: 8050 Ikarashi 2-no-cho, Nishi-ku, Niigata, 950-2181, JAPAN
- Tel: +81-25-262-7627 Fax: +81-25-262-7519
- E-mail: intl-scholarship@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp
- Website: https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/
- https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/campus/international/

◇ Follow-up for graduates
Students can consult with their supervisors through email even after completion of their training course.

◇ International exchange
Overseas Partner Institutions:
78 institutions (27 countries / districts)
Agreements on the faculty level:
269 cases (31 countries / districts)
Number of International students
Y2019: 545 (0 student from this program)
Y2018: 471 (0 student from this program)
Y2017: 460 (2 students from this program)

◇ The program on technology education.
- Development of educational practice using information network.
- Fundamentals of mechanical engineering, electronic engineering, and information engineering for basic technical training in general education.

Number of International students
Y2017: 460  (2 students from this program)
Y2019: 545  (2 students from this program)
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