

Sapporo AOBA Gakuen Educational Group

Sapporo AOBA Vocational College

Department of Japanese Language

International Human Resources
Development to Support Hokkaido



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Sapporo AOBA Vocational College

The Department of Japanese Language will support you in realizing your dreams.

Sapporo AOBA Vocational College has been established as a training school for practitioners of acupuncture and moxibustion, and judo therapists. Students will acquire high levels of specialized knowledge and excellent techniques, and learn to be a medical professional. Our goal is to nurture practitioners of acupuncture and moxibustion, and judo therapists who can provide high quality medical care. Our mission is to provide the world with excellent human resources who can meet society's expectations. Taking advantage of this characteristic of our school, the Japanese Language Department provides students with the Japanese language skills and knowledge necessary to enter higher education institutions in the medical field. In addition, we will do our best to support international students who enter our school so that they can go on to higher education not only in the medical field but also in a wide range of other fields and achieve their dreams.



Principal

Dr. Atsushi IWAKURA

- Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine, Ph.D.
- Judo Therapist
- Practitioner of Acupuncture and Moxibustion
- Practitioner of Massage, Finger Pressure

【Location】 1-24, S3 E4, Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, JAPAN

Sapporo is the largest city in Hokkaido, the northern part of Japan. It is the fourth largest city in Japan after Yokohama, Osaka, and Nagoya, and is home to many commercial and cultural facilities. Although Sapporo is a large city, it is also surrounded by a lot of greenery. A 10-15 minute train or subway ride will take you to the majestic nature that only Hokkaido can offer. This city is the perfect environment for studying and living in Japan.

【History】

April, 2001	Sapporo AOBA Acupuncture and Moxibustion Academy was accredited by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare as a training facility for practitioners of acupuncture and moxibustion (morning courses).
April, 2004	Newly accredited and designated by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, the evening courses for the Department of Acupuncture and Moxibustion, and the evening courses for the Department of Judo Therapy have been established.
June, 2004	Our school signed a sister school agreement with Hunan Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine (now Hunan University of Chinese Medicine) in Hunan Province, China, and started academic exchange.
December, 2004	Sapporo AOBA Acupuncture and Moxibustion Academic Group was established as an educational group under the approval of the Hokkaido Government. The name of the school was changed to "Sapporo AOBA Acupuncture and Moxibustion College".
November, 2005	Construction of the Judo Therapy Department building has been completed, in addition to the main school building.
April, 2006	Designated by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, the morning courses for the Department of Judo Therapy have been newly established. At the same time, the capacity of students in the evening courses of the department was increased to 60.
April, 2007	With the approval from the Hokkaido Government, the name of the academic group has been changed to "Sapporo AOBA Gakuen Educational Group", and the name of the school has been changed to "Sapporo AOBA Vocational College". Hokkaido Dental Hygienist College, a sister school, has been opened.
April, 2012	Hokkaido College of Nursing, a sister school, has been opened.

【Sapporo AOBA Gakuen Educational Group】

Sapporo AOBA Gakuen Educational Group has been approved by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. We have three schools and five departments in the center of Sapporo. The three schools are Sapporo AOBA Vocational College, which trains practitioners of acupuncture and moxibustion, and judo therapists; Hokkaido Dental Hygienist College, which trains dental hygienists; and Hokkaido College of Nursing, which trains nurses. We strive to train medical professionals who can work in hospitals, dental clinics, nursing and welfare facilities, acupuncture and moxibustion clinics, and osteopathic clinics; in order to support the health of people living in Hokkaido.



★ Sapporo Aoba Vocational College

- Department of Acupuncture and Moxibustion (3-year course)
- Department of Judo Therapy (3-year course)
- Department of Japanese Language (scheduled to start in 2021)



Hokkaido Dental Hygienist College

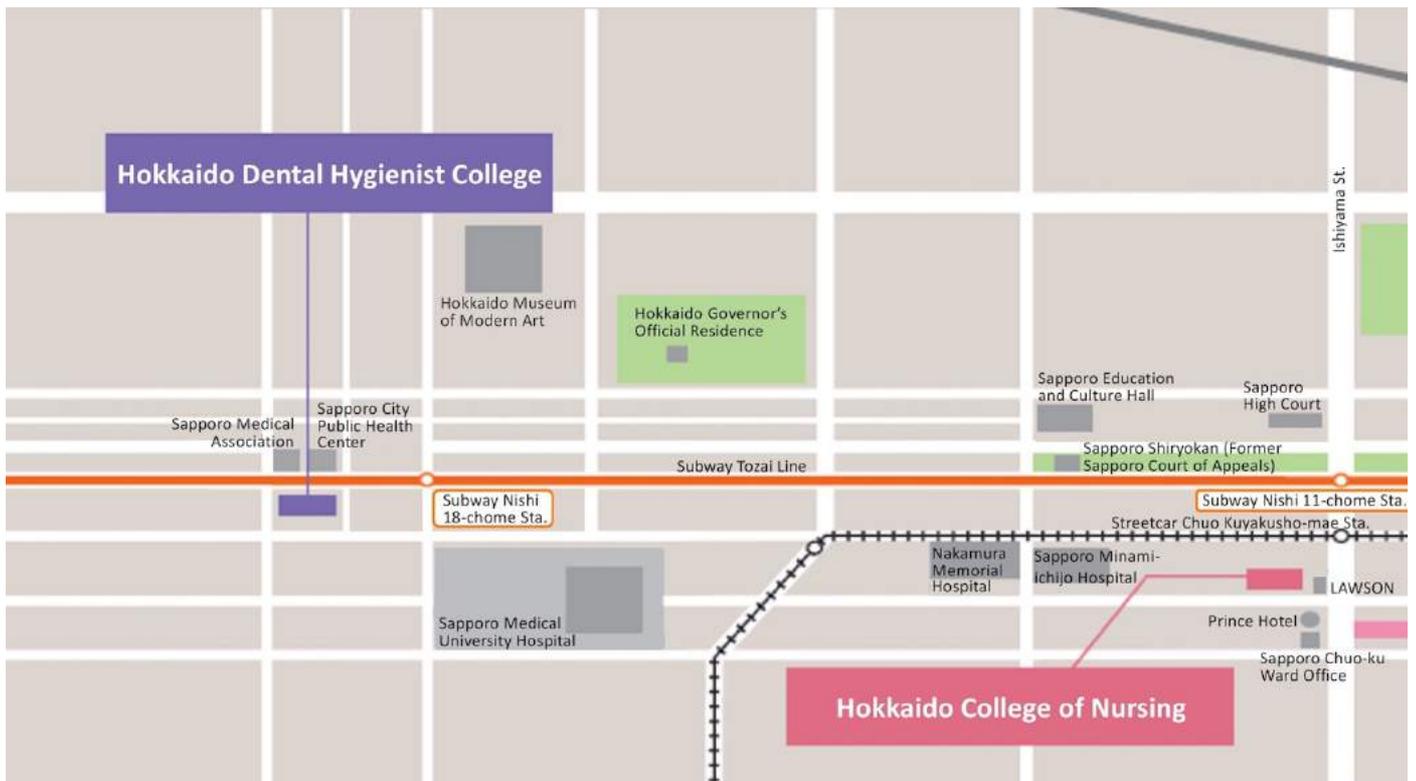
- Department of Gum and Health Care (3-year course)



Hokkaido College of Nursing

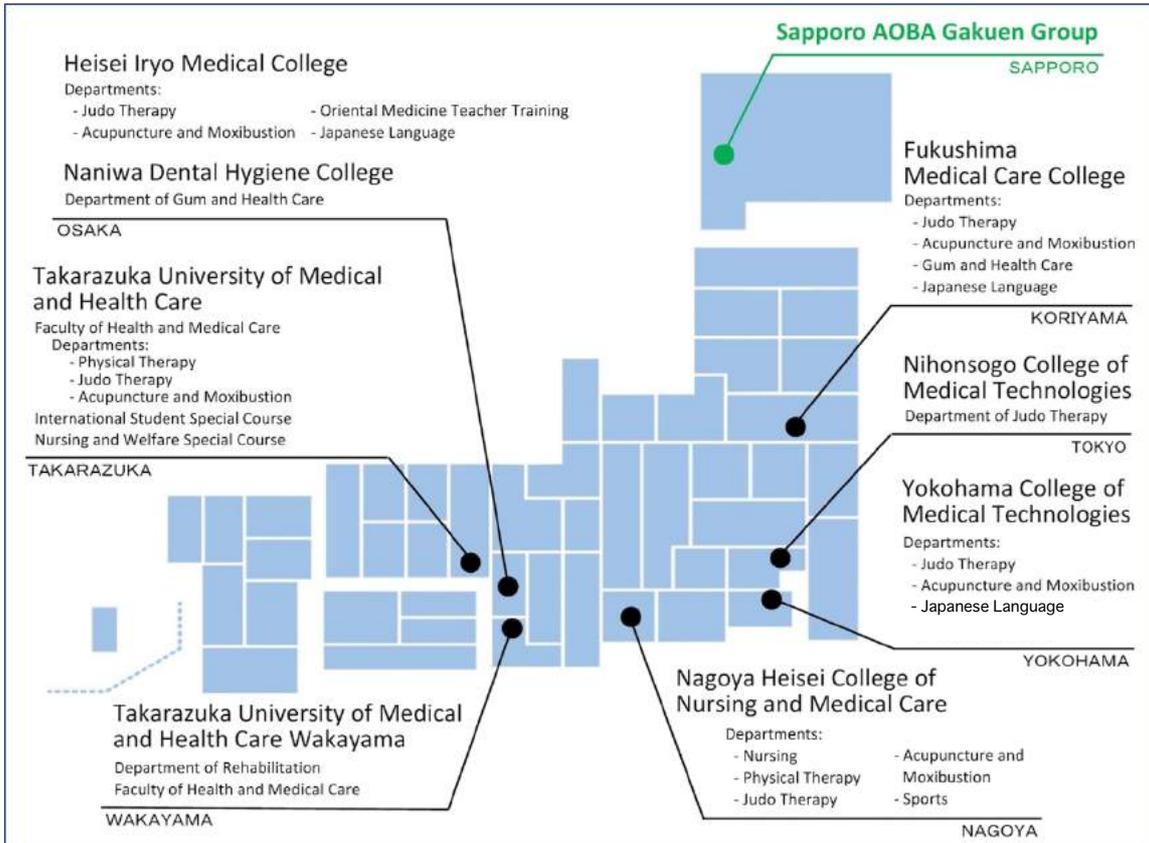
- Department of Nursing (3-year course)

【Central Sapporo and Our Schools】



【Sapporo AOBA Gakuen Educational Group's Unique Network】

We have a unique network with "Heisei Iryo Gakuen Educational Corporation" which has many affiliated sister schools all over Japan. With this network and the unique characteristics of our medical schools, it is possible for students to go on to regular universities and vocational schools. In addition, it is also possible to go on to other medical vocational schools within our school network, as well as other medical, nursing, and care worker vocational schools.



【Courses and Schedules】

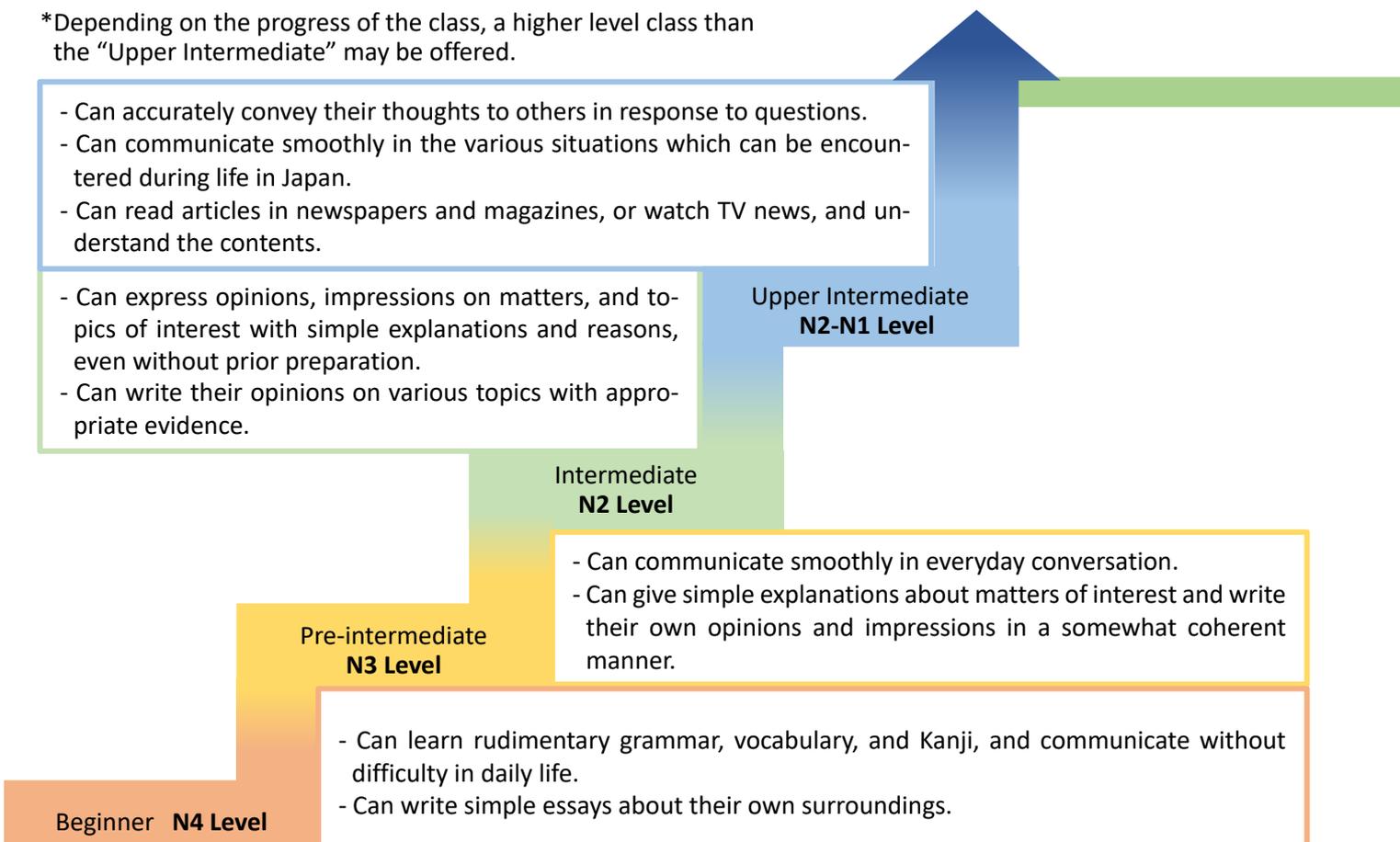
◆ Courses

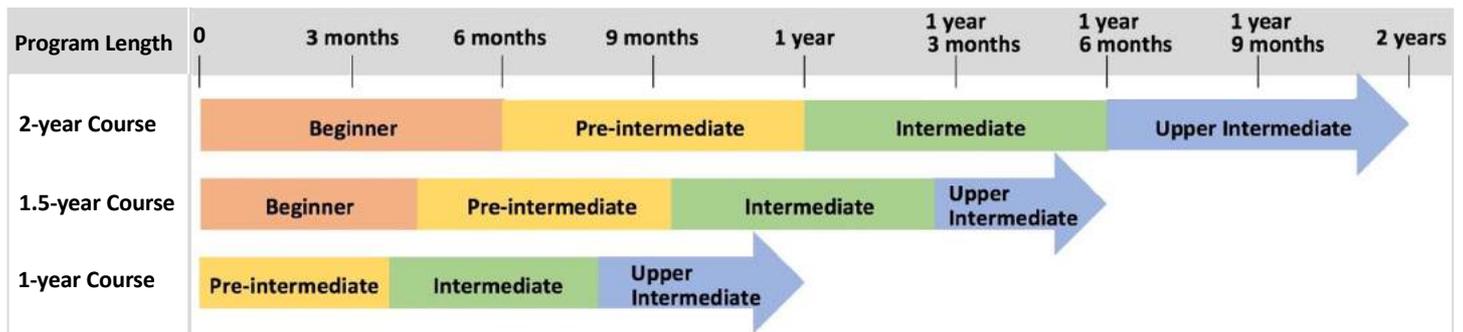
	Enrollment Period	Program Length	Capacity	Admission Requirements
2-year Course	April	2 Years	20	You can submit a JLPT or other official Japanese test score. Level "JLPT N5" or higher is required.
1.5-year Course	October	1 Year and 6 Months	20	You can submit a JLPT or other official Japanese test score. Level "JLPT N5" or higher is required.
1-year Course	April	1 Year	20	You can submit a JLPT or other official Japanese test score. Level "JLPT N4" or higher is required.

In the Department of Japanese Language, students study to enter vocational schools, universities, and graduate schools in Japan. In order to achieve this goal, we provide education to acquire the four skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) in a balanced manner. In addition to preparing students for JLPT and EJU, we also incorporate project works and daily news in class activities. In this way, students will acquire comprehensive language skills so as not to have trouble communicating in classes and in student life after entering vocational school, university, or graduate school.

◆ Course Levels

*Depending on the progress of the class, a higher level class than the "Upper Intermediate" may be offered.

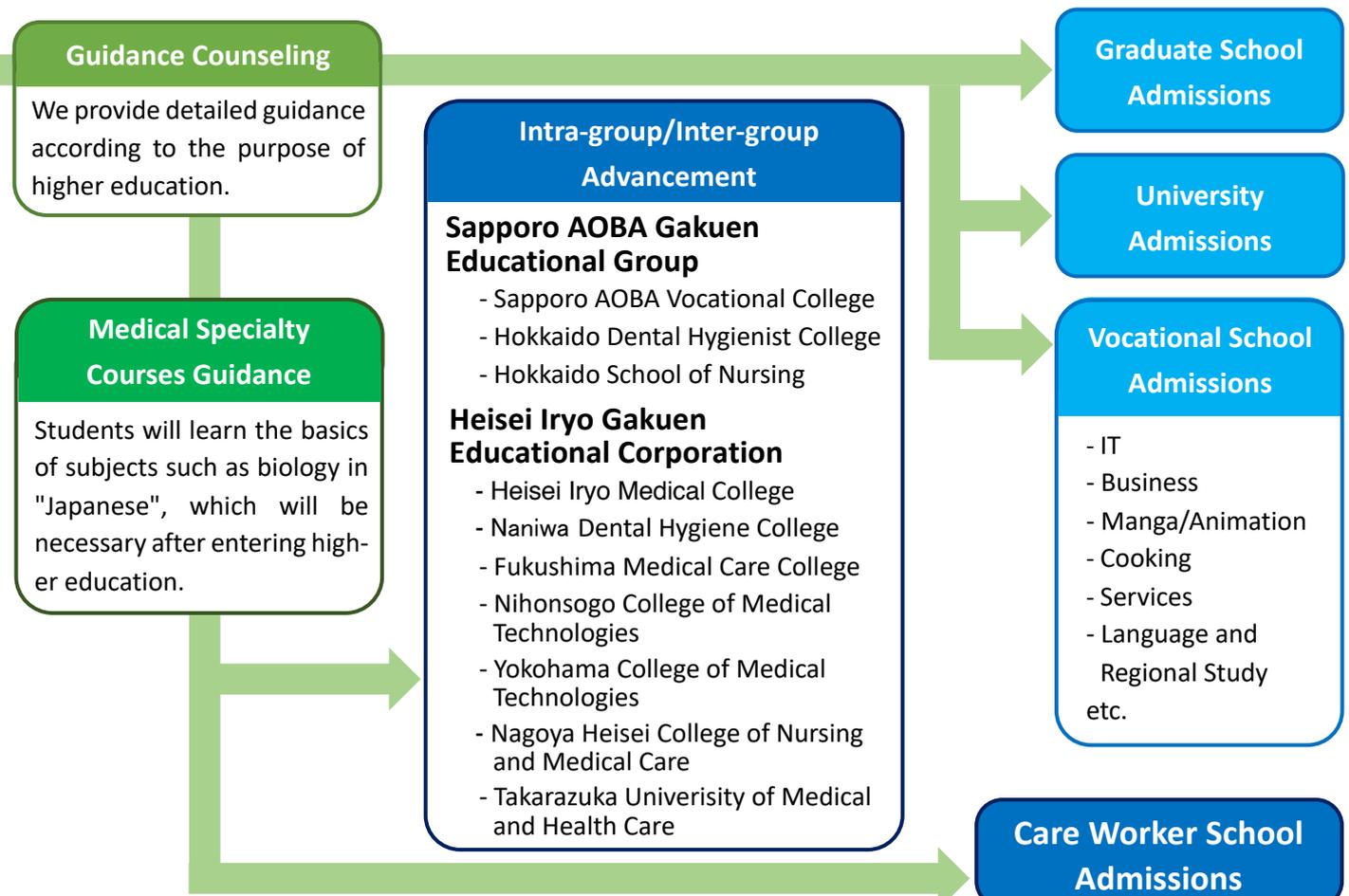




◆ **Schedules** *Class Length: 1 time period = 45 minutes

	Monday-Friday		Elective Lessons on Saturdays
	Morning Class	Afternoon Class	
First Period	9:00-9:45	13:00-13:45	9:00-9:45
Second Period	9:55-10:40	13:55-14:40	9:55-10:40
Third Period	10:50-11:35	14:50-15:35	10:50-11:35
Fourth Period	11:45-12:30	15:45-16:30	

◆ **Steps to Higher Education**



◆ Extracurricular Activities

We also have a variety of activities such as field trips and experiencing Japanese culture. The school also has a judo hall where students can experience judo.



Tea Ceremony Experience



Judo Experience



Off-campus Learning:
Historical Village of Hokkaido

【Annual Schedule】

April-June	July-September	October-December	January-March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entrance Ceremony - Cherry-blossom Viewing - EJU - Periodical Examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Festival - Tanabata - JLPT - Periodical Examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Autumn-leaf Viewing - Sports Festival - EJU, JLPT - Periodical Examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ski Lesson - Hinamatsuri - Graduation Ceremony - Periodical Examination

【Tuition】

	2-Year Course	1.5-Year Course	1-Year Course
Entrance Examination Fee	20,000 JPY	20,000 JPY	20,000 JPY
Enrollment Fee	100,000 JPY	100,000 JPY	100,000 JPY
Tuition	1,300,000 JPY	975,000 JPY	650,000 JPY
Total Amount	1,420,000 JPY	1,095,000 JPY	770,000 JPY
NOTE: The tuition fee includes teaching materials, extracurricular activities, and insurance.			

【Encouragement Awards】

Perfect Attendance Award

This award is given to students who are not late, absent, and have 100% attendance throughout their school days.

Good Attendance Award

This award is given to students with high attendance rates throughout their enrollment.

Academic Excellence Award

This award is given to students who have excellent grades in regular exams and such, during their enrollment period.

【Admission Fee Reduction and Exemption System】

Students enrolling from our designated school are eligible for a partial exemption from the admission fee.

【Student Life】

Daily Life

Sample Class Schedule (Pre-intermediate Class)

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning Class 9:00-12:30 (Four lessons a day)	1	Kanji	Kanji	Grammar	Japanese Vocabulary	Kanji	Career Design *elective class/es
	2	Reading Comprehension	Grammar	Reading Comprehension / Listening Comprehension	Listening Comprehension	Grammar	
Afternoon Class 13:00-16:30 (Four lessons a day)	3	Comprehensive Japanese	Comprehensive Japanese	Comprehensive Japanese	Comprehensive Japanese	Comprehensive Japanese	
	4	Conversation	Comprehensive Japanese	Composition / Advancement Training	Comprehensive Japanese	Comprehensive Japanese	

Schedule Example A (Morning Class Student)

7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00
			School				Self-study			Part-time Job						

Schedule Example B (Afternoon Class Student)

7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00
		Self-study			School					Part-time Job						

Living Expenses for a Single Person in Sapporo

Income

Part-time Job	80,000 JPY
Total Income	80,000 JPY

The hourly wage for a part-time job in Sapporo is around 861-1,000 JPY. It will be about 80,000 JPY per month, if you work part-time within the legal limit of 28 hours per week.

Spending

Rent	25,000-35,000 JPY
Food Expenses	20,000 JPY
Utilities	15,000 JPY
Mobile Phone	5,000 JPY
Miscellaneous Expenses	15,000 JPY
Total Expense	80,000-90,000 JPY

Comparing rent with Tokyo (when renting a 1K room)

Average rent in Tokyo: 60,000-100,000 JPY vs. **Average rent in Sapporo: 25,000-35,000 JPY***

*The rent will be even cheaper if you share a room in Sapporo. And if two people rent a room with a rent of 30,000 JPY in Sapporo, the rent per person is only 15,000 JPY.

【Student Support】

If you have any problems in your life, you can always ask the school staff for any help you need.

	<p>National Health Insurance Procedures</p> <p>When going to study in Japan for a long period of time, you must enroll in the National Health Insurance. The school staff will help you with the process. By enrolling in health insurance, you can receive treatment and consultation for less money.</p>
	<p>Opening a Bank Account</p> <p>Keeping track of your deposits and withdrawals is very important not only for your study abroad life, but also for your higher education. The school staff will help you at the bank to complete the necessary procedures to open a bank account.</p>
	<p>Part-time Job Support</p> <p>We provide detailed support for resume writing, part-time job interview guidance, information, and communication problems at part-time jobs.</p>
	<p>Infectious Disease Countermeasures</p> <p>To ensure a safe and secure life in Japan, we take strict measures to prevent infectious diseases, such as hand disinfection, hand washing and gargling, instruction on new lifestyles with COVID-19, and thorough disinfection and cleaning of school buildings.</p>

【Career Advancement Support】

1. Counseling

Through individual counseling tailored to your level of Japanese, advice on how to decide on a career path, and encouragement of self-analysis, we will help you to enter the school of your choice.

2. Career Advancement Guidance

Introducing information suitable for taking the entrance exams of graduate schools, universities, and vocational schools.

3. Writing guidance

We will carefully teach you how to write a research plan, a statement of purpose, essays and compositions for the schools' entrance exams, and e-mails to professors at the graduate schools you wish to attend.

4. Interview Practice

You will learn interview etiquette such as entering and leaving the room, and how to answer questions through practical practice.

5. Application Preparation

We will support you with everything from requesting information on schools you wish to enter to filling out and submitting application forms.

【Student Dormitory (planned)】

Each room has a kitchen, bath, toilet and heating.



Exterior

(The photo shown is for illustration purposes only.)



Room

(The photo shown is for illustration purposes only.)



Bath and Toilet

(The photo shown is for illustration purposes only.)



Kitchen

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【A Safe Life Even in Winter】

Sapporo has subways, underpasses, underground shopping malls, and arcades, making it possible to live without inconvenience even in winter. In addition, houses and rooms in Hokkaido are designed in various ways to keep the cold outside, making it possible to stay very warm and comfortable even in the middle of winter.



Sapporo Municipal Subway



Sapporo Ekimae-dori Underground Walkway (Chi Ka Ho)



Sapporo Chikagai
(Aurora Town Underground Mall)



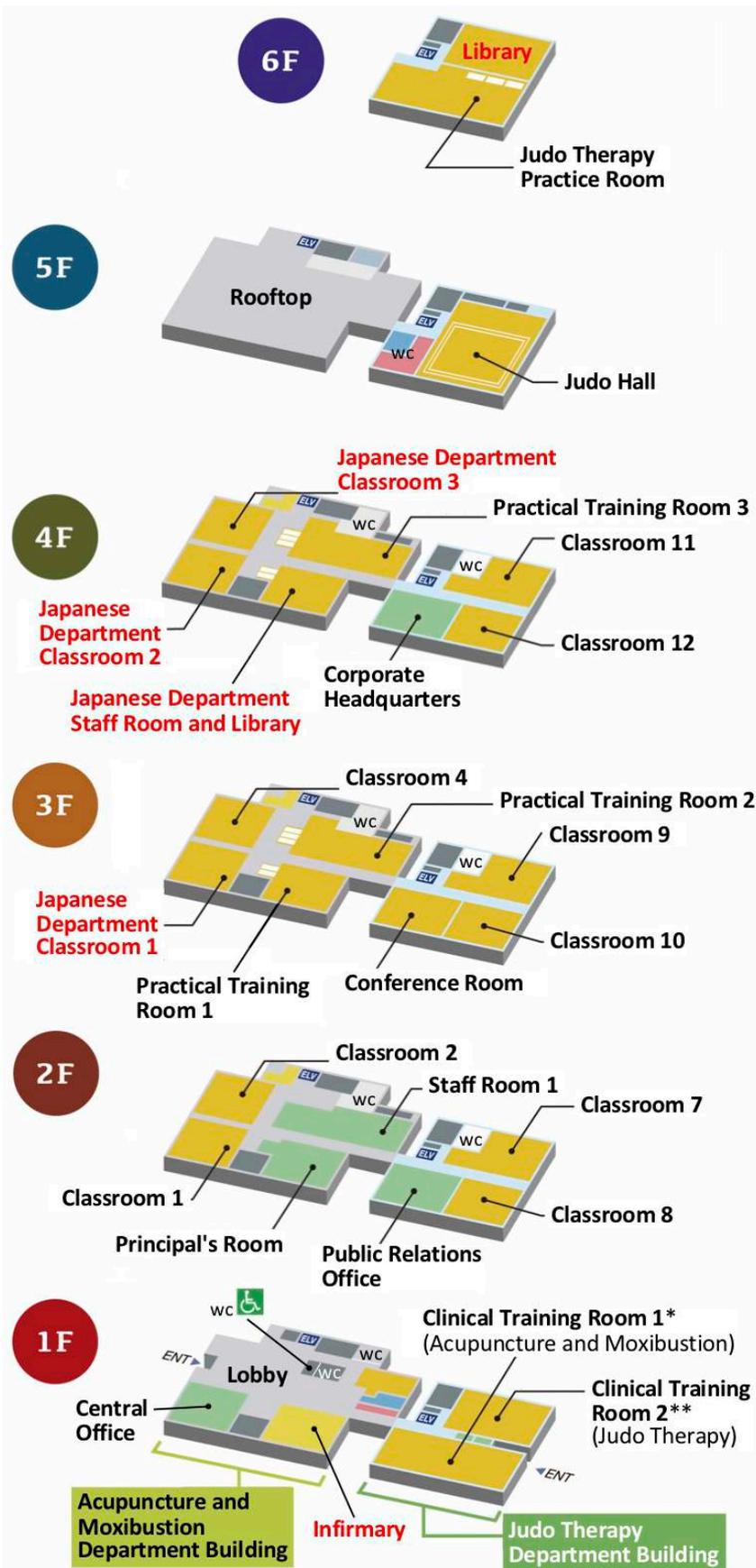
Tanukikoji Shopping Arcade

School Area Guide



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| | Convenience Store with ATM | | Shopping Mall/Department Store |
| | Discount Store/Discount Shop | | Post Office |
| | Drug Store | | City Hall |
| | Supermarket | | |

◆ School Facilities



*There is an affiliated Acupuncture and Moxibustion Practice Room attached to it.

**There is an affiliated Judo Therapy Practice Room attached to it.



Japanese Department Classroom

Students can study in classrooms equipped with audio and visual equipments.



Japanese Department Library

There is a library and self-study space dedicated to the Japanese Language Department.



Library

In addition to the library dedicated to the Japanese Language Department, there is also a library shared with students in other departments.



Infirmary

We provide first aid and health counseling for injuries and illnesses that occur at the school so that students can lead a healthy school life, both mentally and physically.

【Four seasons in Sapporo】

Sapporo shows many different faces in each of the four seasons.



Odori Park and TV Tower



Red Brick Office
(Former Hokkaido Government Office Building)



Hokkaido Jingu Shrine

春

Spring

Summer

夏



Yosakoi Soran Festival



Sapporo Summer Festival



Toyohira River
Fireworks Festival



Odori Park in Autumn



Nakajima Park



Hokkaido University Ginkgo Avenue

秋

Autumn

Winter

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Sapporo Snow Festival



Sapporo Clock Tower



Sapporo White Illumination



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