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Admission Guidelines for Applicants
Department of Dental Medicine

Doctoral Courses



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Chapter 1: Introduction of Kyushu Dental University

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Kyushu Dental University Charter

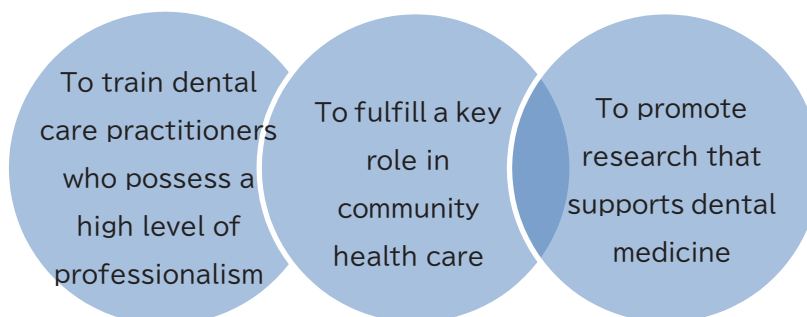
1. Preface

Marking our 100th anniversary in 2014, Kyushu Dental University hereby renews its dedication to expanding our holistic dental and medical education activities, as we look over the next 100 years of educating practitioners that can provide patient-centered dental care.

The Kyushu Dental University Charter has been established as the first step towards creating a university that fulfills this vision. All students, teaching staff, and personnel at Kyushu Dental University are committed to, and aspire to, fulfill the mission of the KDU.

2. Mission

The mission of Kyushu Dental University is to train dental care practitioners who possess a high level of professionalism and expertise, fulfill key roles in community health care, and promote research that supports dental medicine. This mission explains the kind of professional training, social contributions, and research that we strive to achieve.



3. Education and Research Goals

Kyushu Dental University engages in the following types of educational and research activities to fulfill our mission.

- 1) Training for dental care practitioners that are highly professional, broadly educated, and possess a high level of expertise and skills
- 2) Training for dental care practitioners that can correctly interpret scientific information and undertake dental care activities based on scientific evidence
- 3) Training for dental care practitioners that can provide dental care from the perspective of holistic health and adapt to changes in

- society, such as demographic changes
- 4) Training for dental care practitioners that can coordinate with people in other professions and support the local and regional communities through dental care
 - 5) Training for dental care practitioners who can strengthen international cooperation and exchange and undertake dental care activities from a global perspective
 - 6) To develop and conduct international research that can contribute to the development of the local and regional communities in cooperation with other disciplines

II Admission Policies (Qualities KDU Seeks in Applicants)

1. Those who have a strong interest and ethical standards in life science research, particularly in the area of dentistry, and have the desire to actively conduct their own research in the local community
2. Those who can correctly interpret scientific information and have the desire to develop logical thinking skills that are grounded in scientific evidence
3. Those who view matters from the perspective of general health and have the desire to conduct research that is useful in any changes in the social structure
4. Those who have the desire to work with other interdisciplinary fields of study and to conduct research that contributes to local community development
5. Those who have the desire to conduct research that collaborates with various professions and contribute to the local community
6. Those who have the desire to promote research from an international perspective

III Basic Policy for Selecting Applicants

Those who have the desire to acquire logical thinking skills, basic skills needed to conduct research, and language skills are selected in accordance with the basic policy for selecting applicants to the Kyushu Dental University Graduate School of Dentistry.

Candidates are evaluated on the following valuable qualities in their written examination: "Interest and enthusiasm in research and clinical practice of their desired field of study," "knowledge and education," and "thinking skills, problem-

solving skills, self-expression.” In an English examination, they are evaluated based on their ”knowledge and education,” ”thinking skills, problem-solving skills, self-expression,” and ”language skills” needed to enter the graduate program. In an interview examination, they are evaluated based on their ”interest and enthusiasm in research and clinical practice of their field of study,” ”thinking skills, problem-solving skills, self-expression,” ”independence and cooperativeness,” ”ethics,” and their ”interest in making local and international contributions.”

Chapter 2: Basic Information on Application

I Entrance Exam Dates and Students Quota

Entrance Exam Dates

	Doctoral Course First Batch	Doctoral Course Second Batch
Application Period	Tuesday, July 21, 2026, to Tuesday, August 4, 2026 [must be received by 17:00]	Monday, November 9, 2026, to Friday, November 20, 2026 [must be received by 17:00]
Examination Date	Friday, August 28, 2026	Thursday, December 24, 2026
Announcement of Examination Results	Monday, September 28, 2026	Monday, February 1, 2027
Period for Enrollment Procedures (Entrance Fee Payment Deadline)	Tuesday, September 29, 2026, to Tuesday, October 13, 2026	Tuesday, February 2, 2027, to Monday, February 15, 2027

© **Please allow ample time for your application to be completed within the application period.**

- The application fee must be paid and the application documents must be submitted, in order, within the application period.
- Please plan your payment process carefully, taking into account the time required to submit the necessary documents.

Students Quota

※Includes Special Application for Working Adult. See Notes.

	Doctoral Course
Students Quota	25 persons

(Notes)Special Application for Working Adult

The following applicants of Special Application for Working Adult are eligible for admission:

Applicant Qualifications	Applicants must meet qualifications stated in the Admission Guidelines for Applicants. Additionally, they must already be employed at the time of being admitted to our university's Graduate School of Dentistry, or they must be expecting to be employed after being admitted.
Materials for Submission	The following material must be submitted in addition to regular materials that must be submitted. •Letter of consent from the employer or certificate of expected employment
Cautionary Notes	•When the applicant becomes qualified for admission, he can consult the supervisor and the instructor of the desired course in advance to receive lessons and research guidance at a specific time or period in addition to receiving lessons at regular class hours. •Before submitting the application, please check if you are likely to complete the number of necessary credits within the length of your course of study.

II Certification of Qualified Applicants

Those who must receive verification of their qualification for submission before submitting the application must carry out the following procedure to apply for their verification of their qualification for submission. Please submit your application after receiving the verification.

Furthermore, applicants who have previously been determined to meet the submission qualifications may bypass the formal procedures for verification of application status by submitting the examination identification card or the official notice of qualification for application.

(1) Eligibility, Application Method, and Others

Eligibility	Applicants for the doctoral course who fall under category (5), (8), or (9) of “Qualified Applicants” described in pages 11 and 12 of the Guidelines	
Application Deadline	Doctoral Course First Batch	Monday, July 6, 2026 by 5pm
	Doctoral Course Second Batch	Thursday, October 22, 2026 by 5pm
Application Method	Contact Kyushu Dental University Secretariat.	
Contact and Address	Refer to section “Contact Us” on page 10 of the Guidelines.	

- (2) Regarding (5) under “Qualified Applicants” on page 11 of the Guidelines, the applicant must have been engaged in research at a university, research institute, etc. for two years or more after completing 16-year school education overseas, who is recognized by Kyushu Dental University as having the primary objective of cultivating practical clinical skills from a university’s medical, dental, or pharmaceutical course or having academic ability equal to or higher than that of graduates of a veterinary medicine course, as a result of the research conducted at the graduate school or specialized department.
- (3) Verification result of the qualification for submission will be mailed to applicants before the start of the application period.
- (4) For questions about applicant qualifications, contact Kyushu Dental University Secretariat.

III Reminders for Application

- (1) Under no circumstances can submitted application materials be returned or payment for application fees refunded.
- (2) Personal information obtained during the application process is used for the purposes of applicant selection, notification of examination results, and graduate school admission procedures. In addition, after applicants are accepted into the graduate school, this information is used for matters related to school affairs (such as registration of students), for student support (such as health management, reduction or remission of tuition, scholarship applications, etc.) and for administrative work in collecting tuition and conducting research and analysis (to improve entrance exams and gather data for analysis on applicant trends). Personal information is not

used for any other purpose or provided to third parties without the permission of the applicant.

- (3) The results of the entrance examinations will be disclosed on the online application website at the time of the examination results announcement. Information concerning the method of accessing the online application website will be provided individually. Telephone requests for result disclosure are not accepted.

IV Applicants with Disabilities

If an applicant requires special consideration for the exams or studies due to illnesses, injuries, disabilities, etc., please complete the procedure below at least two weeks before the start of the application process. We will decide on the measures to be taken based on the application documents and notify the applicant of the results. Please note that we may not be able to accommodate your request.

Request Procedure

Please submit the following documents by post. See “Contact Us” on page 10 of the Guidelines for the address information.

Applicant		Documents to be submitted	Notes
All	1	Request for Consideration for Exams and Studies for Applicant Selection of Kyushu Dental University Graduate School	Download the form from the University website.
	2	Doctor's certificate (original)	The specific reasons for requesting consideration must be indicated.
Disability certificate holder	3	Disability certificate (copy)	Submit the pages on which the applicant's name and disabilities are described.

Examples of Consideration for Exams

Consideration for seating or exam room location (close to a toilet, in a separate room, etc.), written notice for communicating reminders, consideration for interview time, use of support devices, intake of regular medications, etc.

- (1) The following actions constitute cheating. If you engage in any of these acts, you will be instructed to stop the exam immediately and leave the room, and you will not be allowed to continue taking the exam. Furthermore, your scores for all exam subjects you have taken will be invalidated.
- Intentionally providing false information on application forms or answer sheets.
 - Cheating (including viewing cheat sheets, textbooks, reference books, dictionaries, etc.; looking at other examinees' answers; or receiving answers from others) (For the English exam, the use of dictionaries is permitted (excluding electronic dictionaries)).
 - Providing answers to other examinees or assisting them in cheating.
 - Taking test paper/answer sheets out of the exam room.
 - Touching the test paper or answer sheets before the instruction "Begin now."
 - Using anything other than what can be placed on the desk during the exam.
 - Using electronic devices such as mobile phones, smartphones, wearable devices, electronic dictionaries, or IC recorders.
 - Disregarding the instruction "Stop now" and continuing the exam.
- (2) In addition to (1), the following actions may also constitute cheating. The handling of cases in which a person is found to have committed cheating due to failure to follow instructions shall be the same as in (1).
- Wearing or holding anything other than what can be placed on the desk during the exam, instead of putting them in a bag, etc.
 - Making noise (phone ringing, alarm, vibration, etc.) from a mobile phone or watch for an extended period of time during the exam, thereby disrupting the exam.
 - Making false statements regarding the examination that would benefit yourself or other examinees.
 - Engaging in behavior at the exam venue that causes a nuisance to other examinees.
 - Failing to follow instructions from supervisors, etc., at the exam venue.
 - Engaging in any other behavior that could compromise the fairness of the exam.
- (3) In case cheating is suspected, we will conduct additional investigations (such as interviews and searches of personal belongings) as necessary. Furthermore, if a person is found to have committed cheating, we may take measures such as filing a report with public authorities, including the police.

VI Entrance Fees and Tuition Fees

Entrance Fees and Tuition Fees

	Resident inside the Prefecture	Resident outside the Prefecture
Entrance fees	282, 000 JPY	520, 000 JPY
Tuition fees	Annually 535, 800 JPY (to be paid separately in First and Second Term)	

- (1) The amounts of entrance fees and tuition fees are set forth in the Kyushu Dental University Tuition Fees Regulations for 2026 academic year. The amounts and payment method for 2027 academic year will be detailed in the Admission Guidelines. (If the amount of tuition fees is revised during the academic year, the revised amount will apply.)
- Please make your payment within the admission procedure period. Please note that under no circumstances can entrance fees once paid be refunded. The entrance fees are not required of those who have completed the master's course at this University and continue their studies in the doctoral course at this University.
- (2) "Resident inside the Prefecture" refers to either of the following:
- (i) The applicant's primary earner is a resident of Fukuoka Prefecture from March 1, 2026 to the date of notification of acceptance. However, the primary earner shall be an applicant's relative, such as a parent, sibling, spouse, or the applicant himself/herself who can cover the study expenses.
 - (ii) Even if the applicant's primary earner lives outside the prefecture due to work or other reasons, the majority of the applicant's family, including the applicant, live in Fukuoka Prefecture during the period specified in (i).
Residence within the prefecture as specified in (i) and (ii) above is to be proved by the resident registration located within the prefecture.
- (3) "Resident outside the Prefecture" refers to an applicant who does not correspond to (2).

VII Contact Us

Please contact us regarding any inquiries regarding the entrance examination.

Admission Center (Student Affairs Office of Academic Affairs Department), Kyushu Dental University Secretariat
2-6-1, Manazuru, Kokura-kita, Kitakyushu, Fukuoka 803-8580

◆Telephone number: +81 93 285-3011

Inquiries from the University website can be used as well.

Contact Form

<https://www.kyu-dent.ac.jp/contact>

Home > Contact Us > Contact

- For the “Subject of Inquiry,” be sure to choose “5.Information …”
- If the inquiry is urgent, contact us by telephone.

Call hours are from 09:00 to 17:00 on weekdays.

Chapter 3: Application Guidelines for Applicants

I Department and Prescribed Number of Students

Department of Dental Medicine 25 persons

*Includes Special Application for Working Adult (Refer to section “Notes” on page 5 of the Guidelines)

II Application

1 Qualified Applicants

Only those who fall under one of the following qualifications, or those expecting to qualify for one of the following categories by March 31, 2027 are eligible to apply for Doctoral Course.

- (1) Applicants who have been awarded a bachelor's degree (in the field of medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary science) by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education in accordance with Paragraph 7, Article 104 of the School Education Act.
- (2) Applicants educated overseas who have completed 18 years of formal education, which includes completion of a course in dentistry, medicine, pharmacology, or veterinary science
- (3) Applicants who, while residing in Japan, have completed 18 years of education through correspondence courses offered by overseas educational institutions and completed a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary science
- (4) Applicants who, while residing in Japan, have completed a foreign university program (limited to programs for which graduates are deemed to have completed 18 years of education in that country, and culminating in the completion of a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary science) at an institution accredited in that country and authorized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (5) Applicants designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- (6) Applicants with a degree equivalent to a master's degree from an overseas institution
- (7) Applicants who have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree from an overseas educational institution, which was granted on completion of correspondence education while in Japan

- (8) Applicants who have, in accordance with Paragraph 2, Article 102 of the School Education Act, previously entered a graduate school (limited to a program of medicine, dentistry, pharmacology, or veterinary science) and who have been determined by Kyushu Dental University Graduate School to have the necessary qualifications for study at this graduate school
- (9) Applicants at least 24 years of age who, in the judgment of this graduate school based on a separate assessment of qualifications, are determined to have academic abilities at or above the level of a master's degree holder, a graduate from a university program in medicine or dentistry, or a graduate from a six-year program in pharmacology or veterinary science

* Applicants that fall under either category (5), (8), or (9) must review "Certification of Qualified Applicants" on page 5 of the Guidelines.

2 Submission Procedures

(1) Application Period

First Batch: **Tuesday, July 21, 2026, to Tuesday, August 4, 2026 (must arrive by 5pm)**

Second Batch: **Monday, November 9, 2026, to Friday, November 20, 2026 (must arrive by 5pm)**

*Those wishing to receive explanations about research content before submitting the application must contact a supervisor in their desired field of research. Please contact the Secretariat if you're unsure of the supervisor's contact information. (Please refer to section "Contact Us" on page 10 of this Guidelines for contact information.)

(2) Submission Procedures

Gather the following materials and send them to Kyushu Dental University Secretariat using international express mail service (EMS) within the application period. However, submit the digital data of the photograph of your face via email. Please refer to section "Contact Us" on page 10 of this Guidelines for the address.

Applicable Individuals: Everyone

- 1) Application Form: Format designated by our university [Format 1]. Print on white A4 paper
- 2) Official academic transcript [University (Faculty)]: Prepared and submitted in a sealed envelope by the president or dean of a university.
- 3) Certificate of graduation or expected graduation [University (Faculty)]:

Prepared by the president or dean of a university.

- 4) Personal History: Format designated by our university [Format 2]
- 5) ID photo: Photograph of the applicant's head and upper body, front-facing, bareheaded with plain background. Taken within three months. (JPEG file, max 3MB). Submit digital data via email. Photograph taken with a smartphone is acceptable. Photograph of a printed photograph (duplication) taken with a smartphone, etc. is not acceptable. This photograph will be used to confirm the identity of the applicant on the day of the entrance examination. It will also be used for the applicant's post-admission student ID.
- 6) Document proving the payment of the application fee: Copy of the remittance form or document to prove its payment.
*For more information regarding the application fee, see the following page.
- 7) Identification: a copy of identification and photo page(s) from passport
- 8) A letter of Recommendation from the president of the applicant's present university or the university from which the applicant graduated
- 9) Documentation of financial support for the living expenses, etc. for 4 years of planned study.

Applicable Individuals: Only for those who are applicable

- 10) Those possessing qualification in dentistry
Certification of passing the state or national dentists' in the applicant's home country.
- 11) Those who have completed (or are expecting to complete) graduate school
Official academic transcript [University (Graduate School)]: Prepared and submitted in a sealed envelope by the president or dean of a university. Submit academic transcript from the graduate school from which the applicant graduated as well as academic transcript from the university (undergraduate) from which the applicant graduated. Prepared and submitted in a sealed envelope by the president (or dean) of the university from which the applicant graduated.
- 12) Those who have completed (or are expecting to complete) graduate school
Certificate of graduation or expected graduation [University (Graduate School)]: Prepared by the president or dean of a university.
- 13) Applicants of Special Application for Working Adults
Letter of consent from the employer or certificate of expected employment: Format designated by our university [Format 3] or [Format 4]
- 14) Those whose name on the certificate to be submitted is different from the current name
Proof of name change: Submit one item: the official copy or photocopy of certificate issued by a public institution (a document that can be used to

verify the name before and after the change, such as a photocopy of driver's license (both sides), photocopy of residence certificate, extract of family register, photocopy of passport, etc.)

15) Those who have previously been determined to meet the submission qualifications and have bypassed this year's verification procedure

The examination identification card or the official notice of qualification for application at the time

◎ Please download the format designated by our university from our university website. <https://www.kyu-dent.ac.jp/admissions/gs/examination/>

Home > Examination > Graduate entrance exam > Graduate School Application Guidelines and Application Form

◎ If you cannot submit the official copy of a document that serves as a proof of graduating university, please submit a photocopy of a document issued by the source that verifies the content of the official copy. (An official seal of the source is required.)

◎ If the document is not in Japanese or English, please attach documents ① and ② (official copy) along with the proof of graduation.

① Japanese or English translation.

② Proof of translation ①. (Proof issued by a public institution, such as the embassy. Or, a proof with an official seal of a school or company of a Japanese language school or a translation company.)

(3) Application fee

Payment of ¥30,000 (in Japanese yen) for the application fee should be made to one of the following financial institutions using bank transfer.

Bank account Financial institution and account number	•Japan Post Bank 01740-2-62856 •The Bank of Fukuoka, Ltd., Minami Kokura Branch, Savings account, 1546991 •The Nishi-Nippon City Bank, Ltd., Minami Kokura Branch, Savings account, 3061525
Account holder	Kyushu Dental University, Chair of the Board of Directors, Shuji Awano
Important notice	•The payment must be made in the name of the applicant. •Bank transfer fee must be paid by the applicant. •Copy of the remittance form or document to prove its payment must be submitted with application materials.

3 Issuing the Examination Identification Card

After Wednesday, August 19, 2026 (for First Batch) or Thursday, December 10, 2026 (for Second Batch), the PDF data of the examination identification card will be sent via e-mail.

Print the examination identification card on white A4 paper and bring it with you on the day of the examination.

If you do not hear from us even as late as 7 days before the date of the examination, please contact Kyushu Dental University Secretariat. (For our contact information, refer to section “Contact Us” on page 10 of the Guidelines.)

4 Method for Student Selection

(1) Dates and Locations of Entrance Examinations

Date	Examination Content	Time	Site
First Batch: Friday, August 28, 2026 Second Batch: Thursday, December 24, 2026	Written exam on the applicant's research	9:40 AM–10:40 AM	Kyushu Dental University
	English	11:00 AM–12:00 PM	
	Interview	from 1 PM	

(2) Method for Student Selection

Those who score 60 points or more on the written examination in the applicant's research field, the English examination, and an interview examination will be selected.

Examination Content	Cautionary Notes	Point allocation
Written examination in the applicant's research field	Subjects related to research (or clinical knowledge) of the applicant's desired field of interest will be presented.	100
English	Dictionaries may be used (but not electronic dictionaries)	100
Interview	If applicants are regarded as ineligible in the interview examination, they may not be accepted into the graduate school regardless of the results of the other examinations.	100

5 Announcement of Examination Results

First Batch: 9 AM on Monday, September 28, 2026

Second Batch: 9 AM on Monday, February 1, 2027

You will be notified of the result via e-mail. Telephone requests for result disclosure are not accepted.

6 Enrollment Procedures

Those applicants who have received notification that he/she has been accepted into the graduate school must complete the required procedures, such as submitting the relevant documents and paying the entrance fees, before the specified deadlines. Details about these matters will be sent separately to successful applicants.

Access

(1) By Nishitetsu Bus from JR Kokura Station

(i) From Bus Stop No.4 of Kokura Station Bus Center

Route No.	Destination	Travel time
22	Nishitetsu Kurosaki Bus Center	Get off at “Kyushu Dental University” [Total travel time: about 25 min.]
23	The Outlets Kitakyushu	
26	Kitakyushu Palace Mae	
43	Spina Rasorie Takami-ten Mae	
46	Yahata Higashi New Town	
143	Katsuki Bus Office	

(ii) From Bust Stop “Kokura Station Entrance”

Route No.	Destination	Travel time
1	Nishitetsu Kurosaki Bus Center. Orio Station	Get off at “Itozu Sansaro” and walk for 5 min. [Total travel time: about 20 min.]
7	Sayagatani	
7M	Sayagatani	
Special Rapid	Nishitetsu Kurosaki Bus Center	

(2) By **Nishitetsu Bus** from **JR Yahata Station**

(i) From Bus Stop No.1 or No.2 of Yahata Station Entrance

Route No.	Destination	Travel time
22	Sunatsu	Get off at “Kyushu Dental University” [Total travel time: about 30 min.]
1	Sunatsu	Get off at “Itozu Sansaro” and walk for 5 min. [Total travel time: about 30 min.]
Special Rapid*	Sunatsu	

*Special Rapid stops only at Bus Stop No.1 of Yahata Station Entrance

(3) From **JR Minami-Kokura Station**

(i) **Walk** [Total travel time: about 15 min.]

(ii) By **Nishitetsu Bus** from Bus Stop Minami-Kokura Ekimae

Route No.	Destination	Travel time
22	Nishitetsu Kurosaki Bus Center	Get off at “Kyushu Dental University” [Total travel time: about 5 min.]
23	The Outlets Kitakyushu	
26	Kitakyushu Palace Mae	
43	Spina Rasorie Takami-ten Mae	
46	Yahata Higashi New Town	
143	Katsuki Bus Office	

*The above information is up to date as of July.

*The car parking space of Kyushu Dental University is only for the use of patients of the University Hospital, not for students taking the entrance exam.

