

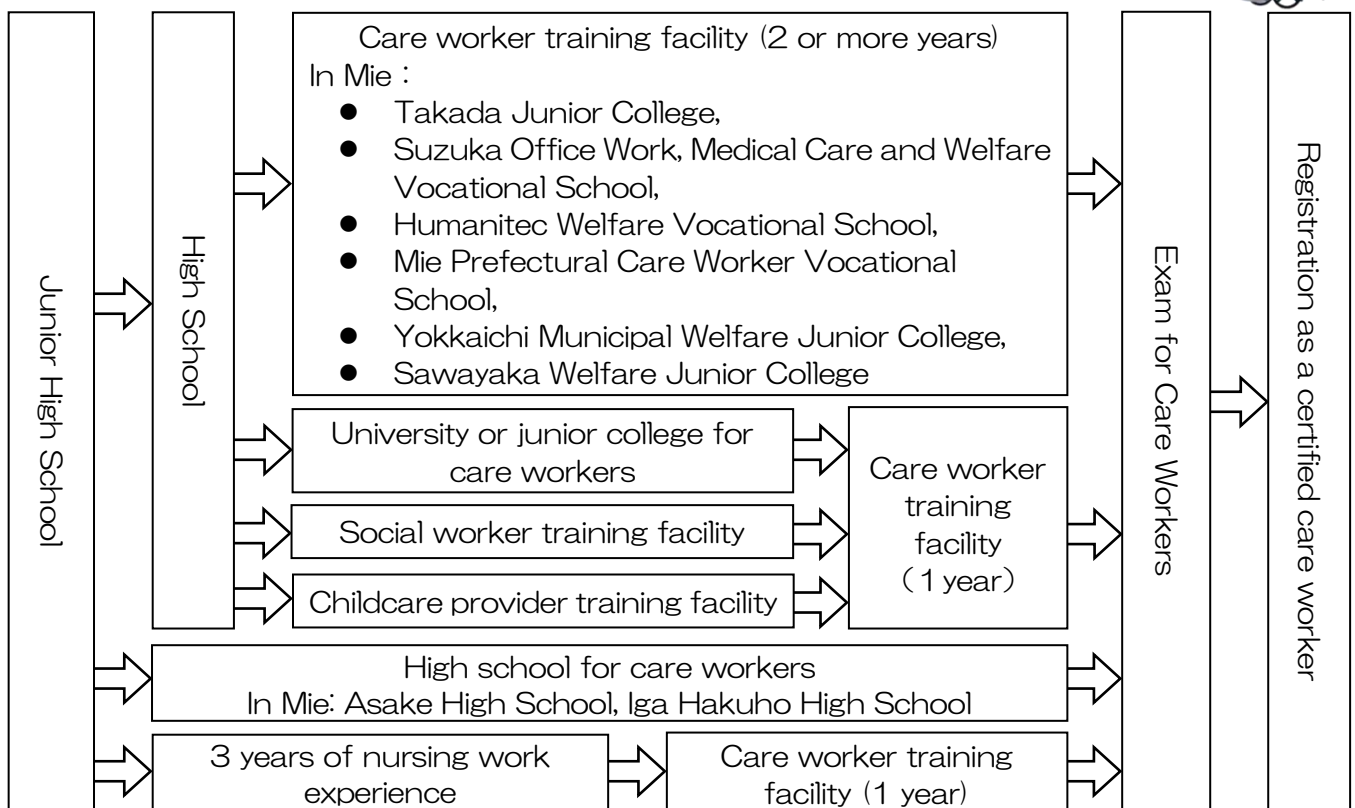
15 Care Worker

Care workers are specialists who help individuals with physical or mental disabilities live more fulfilling and independent lives by assisting them with daily tasks, such as bathing, eating and using the bathroom.

In addition to the tasks above, care workers also use their specialized knowledge to direct home helpers and provide care for the families of individuals who require care worker services. Care workers will become more and more important as Japan's population ages, and the need for care workers that can speak languages other than Japanese will rise as the number of elderly non-Japanese residents increases.



Becoming a care worker:



Prepare now:

A high level of Japanese language proficiency and academic achievement is necessary for admission to university and vocational schools that train care workers. It is important that you begin working to improve your Japanese and native language skills as soon as possible.

Job prospects:

The need for care workers to provide welfare services for the elderly is steadily increasing due to Japan's aging population and low birth rate. Care workers are employed at hospitals as well as at facilities that serve the disabled and elderly. Furthermore, the demand for care workers is expected to rise at a growing number of other locations in the future. Average yearly salary for care workers ranges from about 2.5 to about 4 million yen.

Tuition:

Tuition at a public university can cost upwards of 2.4 million yen over 4 years. Tuition at private universities can cost upwards of 4 million yen over 4 years. Tuition at a junior college can cost upwards of 1.2 million yen, and tuition at vocational school can cost upwards of 1.7 million yen.