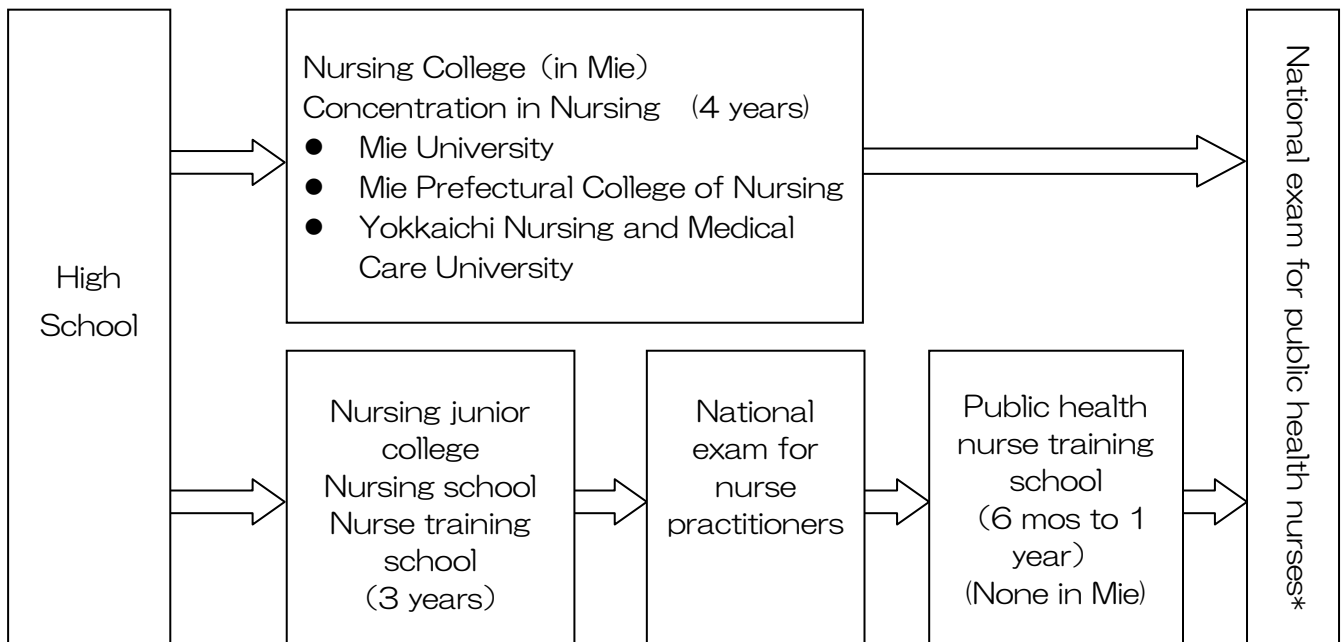


4 Public Health Nurse

Public health nurses work at city offices and local public health centers to provide health advice and consultation for members of the community. They listen to the health concerns of people of all ages, and provide advice and support regarding disease prevention and healthy living. However, there are very few public health nurses that can speak languages other than Japanese. For non-Japanese patients, having a public health nurse that can speak their native language can be comforting. This job is suitable for people who are interested in health and medicine and enjoy talking to people.

Becoming a public health nurse:



*A nursing license is required (see section (6) “Nurse/Assistant Nurse”)

Prepare now:

Excellent Japanese language skills and a high level of academic achievement are necessary for admission to the schools you will need to attend to become a public health nurse. You will also need to be certified as a nurse to work as a public health nurse.

Job prospects:

Most public health nurses work at municipal or prefectural public health centers. However, to work at these locations, you must pass the civil service exam (see section (37) “government worker”). Salary for public health nurses differs by town or city, but is about 5.2 million yen per year on average.

Training costs:

See section (6) “Nurse/Assistant Nurse”

Public health nurse training school tuition varies by school, can cost upwards of 2 million yen.

Scholarships:

See section (6) Nurse/Assistant Nurse.

