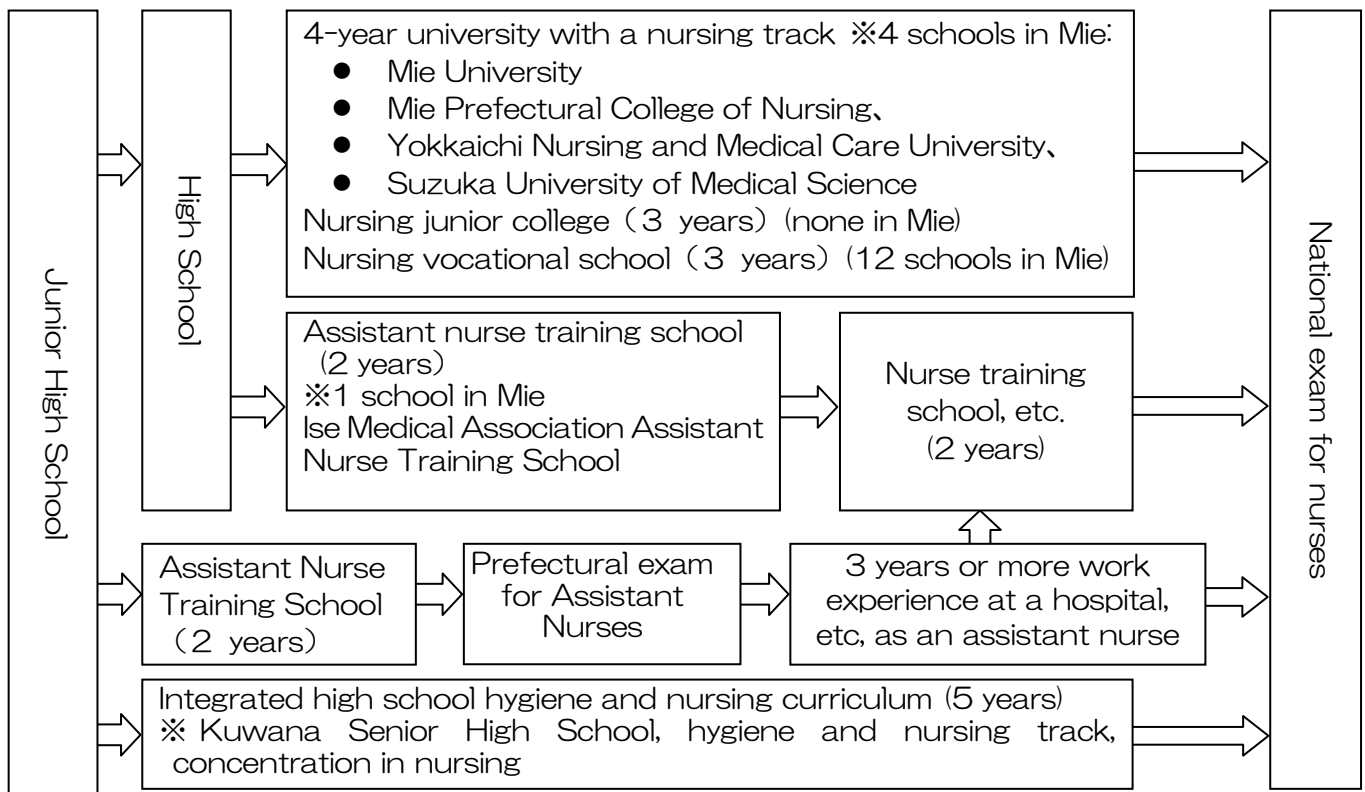


6 Nurse/Assistant Nurse

There is a large number of non-Japanese residents living in the prefecture. Interpreters are sometimes available at schools and government offices, but there are very few interpreters working at hospitals. Many people struggle to communicate with their doctor if they cannot speak Japanese. For non-Japanese residents, a nurse that speaks their native language can be very comforting. By becoming a nurse and expert in health and medicine, you can contribute to your local community and act as a bridge between your home country and Japan.

Becoming a nurse/assistant nurse:



Prepare now:

Excellent Japanese language skills and high academic achievement is necessary for admission to universities that offer nursing tracks and training schools. It is important that you start improving your Japanese and native language skills early.

Job prospects:

The employment rate at medical institutions for graduates of schools that train nurses is approximately 92%.

The average monthly salary for a nurse is about 330,000 yen, while the average monthly salary for an assistant nurse is about 280,000 yen.

Tuition:

Tuition at a 4-year university can cost upwards of 2.4 million yen for public universities and 7 million yen for private universities over 4 years. Tuition for junior college can cost upwards of 2 million yen over 3 years. Vocational school tuition can cost upwards of 2 million yen over 3 years. Assistant nurse training school tuition can cost upwards of 800,000 yen over two years.

Scholarships:

Non-Japanese students who are admitted to a school or university that trains nurses in Mie Prefecture may be eligible to receive up to 600,000 yen in scholarship loans. You should also look into scholarship loans that non-Japanese residents are eligible to receive and scholarship loans offered by particular schools.