

Graduate School of Education, Shinshu University



Aim

The Graduate School of Education aims to equip students with the expertise and research abilities necessary to become future leaders in school education.

The educational philosophy of the Faculty of Education at Shinshu University is ‘clinical knowledge’. Based on this philosophy, the Graduate School guides students to integrate reflective skills with the subject expertise required in school settings. Students develop the ability to design learning that promotes thinking, judgement, and expression, and the creativity to respond flexibly in diverse educational situations. In addition, the Graduate School aims to form core teachers with strong problem-solving and management skills who can work effectively with others to improve teaching practices and promote school reform.

Courses

The Graduate School of Education offers two courses, the Foundations for Careers in Education Course and the Leadership Development for Education Professionals Course. The Foundations for Careers in Education Course is for students enrolling in postgraduate courses immediately after graduation (straight masters). The Leadership Development for Education Professionals Course is for in-service teachers with extensive teaching experience.

Foundations for Careers in Education Course: This course is designed to train teachers with practical leadership and management skills. They will be prepared to become influential new members of school management.

Graduates of this program will be able to

1. Demonstrate practical teaching and management skills.
2. Reflect deeply on practice.
3. Update their own ideas by consulting with others.
4. Face the real challenges of school teachers with confidence.



Leadership Development for Education Professionals Course:

This course is designed to provide school leaders with both sound and up-to-date educational theory and also excellent practical and applied skills. They will continue their service as leaders in their community and school, as teachers and other education professionals.

Graduates of this program will be able to

1. Demonstrate a high level of practical teaching skills backed up by teaching experience.
2. Reflect deeply on practice.
3. Update their own ideas by consulting with others.
4. Lead responsibly in their community and school.

Features

Two important features of our graduate school are school-based learning and arena-style learning. School-based learning focuses on teaching in the school environment and on team exercises. Its core purpose is to develop in students a multi-dimensional view of educational issues in schools, an ability to analyse teaching situations, and a willingness to reflect on practice. In arena-style learning, in-service teachers and pre-service teachers learn together.



They share educational issues or problems and analyse, interpret, and discuss them from various angles. Several academic staff with different areas of expertise supervise students in all classes from various perspectives.

Design an improved workplace

- Students share case studies and conduct practical exercises in school management.

In-service teachers can pursue this postgraduate degree while continuing to work. They enrich discussions with their experience and awareness of various issues in school education.

- Students plan and conduct lessons with the support of researchers and practitioners at the university.

Develop teaching skills



In-service teachers



Professionals with experience in school education bridge practice and theory and serve as reliable advisors.



Practitioners



Broaden perspectives on school issues

Students can proceed to postgraduate studies immediately after graduation. They add a fresh perspective to each class.



Straight masters

Learn how to provide needed support

- Students engage in the process of needs assessment in actual school situations and explore how ICT can be used to provide support.

- Students discuss important school education topics through 'Team Exercises'. Using the latest research trends and case studies from home and abroad, they consider solutions as school leaders.

Experience the reality of school life



Researchers

Experts in specialized fields offer guidance based on sound research.

- Students entering the straight masters program gain first-hand experience of issues in the field through practical training at base schools (public & affiliated). In-service teachers and university practitioner teachers also provide them with practical advice.

