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April 2026 Admission

Niigata University Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
Doctoral Program of Medicine and Dentistry

Student Application Guidelines
(First Round / Second Round)

[General Selection]
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Niigata University Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

Selection Schedule

Note: The schedule differs by program. Please check carefully.

Medical Program (Common to All Three Courses)

Item	First Round (April 2026 Admission)	Second Round (April 2026 Admission)
Eligibility Confirmation / Screening Application Deadline (for applicable applicants only)	October 1 (Wed) – October 8 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]	November 4 (Tue) – November 14 (Fri), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]
Application Period	October 17 (Fri) – October 22 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]	December 17 (Wed) – December 23 (Tue), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]
Examination Date	November 6 (Thu), 2025	January 21 (Wed), 2026
Announcement of Results	December 11 (Thu), 2025	March 9 (Mon), 2026
Enrollment Procedure Period	January 20 (Tue) – January 22 (Thu), 2026 [Must arrive by deadline]	March 18 (Wed) – March 19 (Thu), 2026 [Must arrive by deadline]

Dental Program

Item	First Round (April 2026 Admission)	Second Round (April 2026 Admission)
Eligibility Confirmation / Screening Application Deadline (for applicable applicants only)	By September 30 (Tue), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]	By November 21 (Fri), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]
Application Period	October 27 (Mon) – October 29 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]	December 22 (Mon) – December 24 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]
Examination Date	November 26 (Wed), 2025	February 4 (Wed), 2026
Announcement of Results	December 11 (Thu), 2025	March 9 (Mon), 2026
Enrollment Procedure Period	January 20 (Tue) – January 22 (Thu), 2026 [Must arrive by deadline]	March 18 (Wed) – March 19 (Thu), 2026 [Must arrive by deadline]

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Contact Information for Application Procedures

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Office Hours: Weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM

(Excluding weekends, national holidays, summer break, and New Year holidays)

Lunch Break: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

In the event of unforeseen circumstances or changes to the contents of this application guideline, notifications will be made via the website. Please pay special attention before applying or taking the entrance examination.

Website of the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences (Medical Division), Niigata University
(For applicants to the Medical Program)

https://www.med.niigata-u.ac.jp/contents/target/graduate_school/index.html

Website of the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences (Dental Division), Niigata University
(For applicants to the Dental Program)

<https://www.dent.niigata-u.ac.jp/admissions/graduateschool/oral-science/requirements/>

I. Admission Policy

1. Ideal Candidates

Graduate School of Medical and Dental Health Sciences (Doctoral Program) seeks students who can address a wide range of issues from regional to international healthcare, precision medicine, neuroscience, and dental medicine through interdisciplinary research. Desired qualities include:

- Interest in domestic and global healthcare challenges, with motivation to solve them from a global perspective
- Ability to utilize genetic analysis, molecular biology, AI, and big data to understand biological systems and advance personalized medicine
- Flexibility to address aging-related issues, and explore new methods for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of neurological and oral health conditions
- Leadership skills in multidisciplinary healthcare settings, with a commitment to comprehensive care
- Motivation and ability to develop innovative approaches using cutting-edge technologies and interdisciplinary perspectives

2. Required Qualities and Abilities

- **Basic Academic Knowledge:** Equivalent to university graduate level, including English proficiency
- **Interdisciplinary Perspective:** Motivation to contribute to healthcare through exploratory and translational research
- **Problem-Solving Ability:** Initiative to develop and pursue original research topics
- **Communication Skills:** Willingness to contribute to both local and global healthcare
- **Ethics and Social Contribution:** Aspiration to become a leading educator, researcher, or advanced healthcare professional

3. Basic Policy for Student Selection

To ensure diversity, applicants are selected through three categories based on a comprehensive review of application documents:

① General Selection

- **Medical & Dental Programs:** Includes English language and oral examinations
- **English Exam:** Assesses reading, writing, and communication skills, as well as basic knowledge in the chosen field
- **Oral Exam:** Evaluates subject knowledge, problem-solving ability, communication skills, interdisciplinary perspective, ethics, and social contribution

② Special Selection for Working Adults

- **Medical Program:** Includes English and oral exams (same evaluation criteria as above)
- **Dental Program:** Oral exam only, evaluating subject knowledge, problem-solving ability, language and communication skills, interdisciplinary perspective, ethics, and social contribution

③ Special Selection for International Students

- **Medical Program:** Includes English and oral exams (same evaluation criteria as above)
- **Dental Program:** Oral exam only, same evaluation criteria as above

II. Number of Students to Be Admitted

○ Admission Capacity

Major	Degree Program	Admission Capacity
Medical and Dental Sciences	Medical Program (Glocal Medical Research Course Precision Medicine Research Course Brain and Mind Medical Research Course)	101
	Dental Program	

Notes:

1. The admission capacity includes applicants from general selection, special selection for working adults, special selection for international students, and those advancing from the master's or first half of doctoral programs at Niigata University.
2. There are two recruitment periods: First and Second. Applicants may apply during either or both periods. However, application procedures and payment of the examination fee must be completed within the designated period for each recruitment.
3. Applicants cannot apply for both the Medical and Dental Programs simultaneously.
4. The availability of the second recruitment depends on the fulfillment of the admission capacity. Whether the second recruitment will be held will be announced on the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences website in November 2025.

Medical Program Website https://www.med.niigata-u.ac.jp/contents/target/graduate_school/index.html

Dental Program Website <https://www.dent.niigata-u.ac.jp/>

5. Even if the admission capacity is filled for April 2026 enrollment, a selection exam for October 2026 enrollment will still be held (for a small number of applicants).

Reference: Estimated Admission Capacity by Degree Program

Major	Degree Program	Estimated Capacity
Medical and Dental Sciences	Medical Program Glocal Medical Research Course Precision Medicine Research Course Brain and Mind Medical Research Course	73 students (7–8 students) (47–48 students) (18–19 students)
	Dental Program	28 students

Note: Before applying, please contact the faculty member in charge of your desired field of study (see page 27, section 10). Contact details (email, phone number) are listed on each department's website.

III. General Selection

1. Eligibility for Application

○ Medical Program

Eligibility for Application (1)–(10):

Applicants must fall under one of the following categories.

Note: Those who fall under eligibility categories (3), (4), or (6)–(10) must undergo a preliminary qualification screening before applying. Please refer to page 28, “IX. Preliminary Qualification Screening,” and submit the required documents during the designated application period.

However, applicants who fall under Notes ①, ②, or ③ of eligibility category (7) do not need to undergo qualification confirmation.

(1). Individuals who have graduated, or are expected to graduate by March 2026, from a university course defined in Article 83 of the School Education Act that specializes in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at cultivating practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine.

(2) Individuals who have been awarded, or are expected to be awarded by March 2026, a bachelor's degree under Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Act (limited to those who studied medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine).

(3) Individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, an 18-year course of school education overseas (with the final course specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine). (See page 28)

(4) Individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, an 18-year course of school education overseas (with the final course specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) through correspondence education provided by a foreign institution and taken in Japan. (See page 28)

(5) Individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, a course at an educational institution in Japan that is positioned within a foreign school education system and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and whose graduates are considered to have completed an 18-year course of school education overseas (with the final course specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine).

(6) Individuals who have been awarded, or are expected to be awarded by March 2026, a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing a program of at least five years (specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) at a foreign university or other foreign institution (limited to those evaluated by the foreign government or relevant agencies, or designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology). This includes correspondence education taken in Japan and programs at designated educational institutions within the foreign education system. (See page 28)

(7) Individuals designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. (See notes on page 7)

(8) Individuals who have entered a graduate school (limited to doctoral programs specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (only those based on six-year undergraduate programs), or veterinary medicine) under Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act, and who are deemed to have sufficient academic ability to receive graduate education at this Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences. (See page 28)

(9) Individuals who have studied for four years or more by March 2026 in a university course defined in Article 83 of the School Education Act specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at cultivating practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine, or individuals who have completed or are expected to complete by March 2026 a 16-year course of school education overseas (limited to programs specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (with a clinical focus), or veterinary medicine), and who are recognized by this graduate school as having earned the required credits with excellent academic performance. (See page 28)

(10) Individuals who are recognized by this graduate school, through individual qualification screening, as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of a graduate from a university course specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (with a clinical focus), or veterinary medicine, and who will reach the age of 24 by March 31, 2026. (See page 28)

○ Dental Program

Eligibility Requirements (1)–(10)

Applicants must fall under one of the following categories.

Note: Those who fall under eligibility requirements (3), (4), or (6)–(10) must undergo a preliminary qualification screening before applying. Please refer to page 28, “IX. Preliminary Qualification Screening,” and submit the required documents during the designated application period.

However, applicants who meet the conditions noted in footnote ① or ② under eligibility requirement (7) do not need to undergo qualification confirmation.

(1) Individuals who have graduated, or are expected to graduate by March 2026, from a university program defined under Article 83 of the School Education Act that specializes in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine.

(2) Individuals who have been awarded, or are expected to be awarded by March 2026, a bachelor's degree under Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Act (limited to those who studied medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine).

(3) Individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, an 18-year course of formal education abroad (with the final stage being in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine). (See page 28)

(4) Individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, an 18-year course of formal education abroad (with the final stage being in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) through correspondence education provided by a foreign institution and taken in Japan. (See page 28)

(5) Individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, a program at an educational institution in Japan that is positioned within a foreign educational system and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and whose graduates are considered to have completed an 18-year course of formal education abroad (with the final stage being in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine).

(6) Individuals who have been awarded, or are expected to be awarded by March 2026, a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing a program of at least five years at a foreign university or other foreign institution (limited to those evaluated by the foreign government or relevant agencies, or designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. This includes programs completed through correspondence education taken in Japan or at designated institutions within the foreign educational system. (See page 28)

(7) Individuals designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. (See footnote on page 7)

(8) Individuals who have entered a graduate school (limited to doctoral programs in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy [only those based on six-year undergraduate programs], or veterinary medicine) under Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act, and who are recognized by this graduate school as having sufficient academic ability to receive graduate-level education. (See page 28)

(9) Individuals who have studied for four or more years by March 2026 in a university program defined under Article 83 of the School Education Act specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine; or individuals who have completed, or are expected to complete by March 2026, a 16-year course of formal education

abroad (limited to programs in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy aimed at developing practical clinical skills, or veterinary medicine), and who are recognized by this graduate school as having earned the required credits with excellent academic performance. (See page 28)

(10) Individuals who are recognized by this graduate school, through individual qualification screening, as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than those who have graduated from a university program specializing in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine, and who will be at least 24 years old by March 31, 2026. (See page 28)

Note: "Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology" under Application Qualification (7) refers to individuals who fall under any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who have studied medicine or dentistry at a university under the former University Ordinance (Imperial Ordinance No. 388 of 1918) and graduated from a faculty of medicine or dentistry.
2. Individuals who have graduated from the National Defense Medical College established under the Act for Establishment of the Defense Agency (Act No. 164 of 1954).
3. Individuals who have completed a master's program or a professional graduate school program under Article 99, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947), and those who are eligible to be awarded a master's degree.
4. Individuals who have been enrolled for at least two years in a doctoral program that does not distinguish between first and second stages, have earned at least 30 credits, and have received necessary research guidance (including those who fall under Article 6, Item 1 of the Degree Regulations prior to the amendment by Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 29 of 1974), and who are recognized by this graduate school as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of graduates of a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (with a focus on developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)
5. Individuals who have graduated from a university (excluding programs in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy with a focus on developing practical clinical skills, or veterinary medicine), or who have completed 16 years of formal education abroad, and who have engaged in research for at least two years at a university or research institute, and who are recognized by this graduate school, based on the results of their research, as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than that of graduates of a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (with a focus on developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)

2. Selection Method and Examination Dates

Admission selection will be based on the results of the foreign language (English) exam, oral examination, and review of application documents.

Degree Program	Foreign Language (English)	Oral Examination
Medical Program (All 3 Courses)	○	○
Dentistry Program	○	○

(1) Medical Program (Common to All Three Courses)

Application Round	Exam Date	Time	Content
First Round	Thursday, November 6, 2025 (<i>Reiwa 7</i>)	10:00–11:30	Foreign Language (English) ※1
		13:00–	Oral Examination (First Choice) ※2
		15:00–	Oral Examination (Second Choice) ※2
Second Round	Wednesday, January 21, 2026 (<i>Reiwa 8</i>)	Same as above	

※1 Dictionaries are allowed during the English exam (English-Japanese, Japanese-English, English-English). However, **electronic dictionaries and medical dictionaries are not permitted.**

※2 The oral examination will assess knowledge related to the applicant's chosen field within the program. In some fields, a written test may also be conducted. Please confirm with the faculty member in charge of your desired research area.

(2) Dental Program

Application Round	Exam Date	Time	Content
First Round	Wednesday, November 26, 2025 (<i>Reiwa 7</i>)	13:00–14:30	Foreign Language (English) ※1
		15:00–	Oral Examination ※2
Second Round	Wednesday, February 4, 2026 (<i>Reiwa 8</i>)	Same as above	

※1 The English exam will assess basic reading comprehension skills necessary for the program. **Electronic dictionaries, medical dictionaries, and dental dictionaries are not permitted.**

※2 The oral examination will assess knowledge related to the applicant's desired field of study and research.

3. Examination Venue

Niigata University Asahimachi Campus (Chuo Ward, Niigata City)

Details will be provided in the examination guide.

IV. Special Selection for Working Adults

1. Eligibility for Application

○ Medical Program

Applicants must meet one of the conditions (1) to (10) below and must be employed at the time of admission to the Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, or expected to be employed after admission (limited to those who will continue to be employed after admission).

Applicants who fall under conditions (3), (4), or (6) to (10) must undergo a preliminary qualification screening before applying. Please refer to page 28 "IX. Preliminary Qualification Screening" and submit the required documents during the designated application period.

However, applicants who fall under Notes ①, ②, or ③ of condition (7) do not need to confirm their eligibility.

(1) Graduates or expected graduates (by March 2026) of a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine as defined in Article 83 of the School Education Act.

(2) Holders or expected holders (by March 2026) of a bachelor's degree in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine under Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Act.

(3) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) an 18-year course of education abroad, with the final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)

(4) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) an 18-year course of education abroad through correspondence education conducted by a foreign institution, with the final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)

(5) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a course at an educational institution in Japan recognized as part of a foreign university's 18-year education system (final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine), designated separately by the Minister of Education. (See page 28)

(6) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a program of five years or more in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine at a foreign university or institution accredited by the foreign government or relevant agency, and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree. (See page 28)

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education (see notes on page 11).

(8) Those admitted to a graduate school doctoral program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs based on six-year undergraduate programs), or veterinary medicine under Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act, and recognized by this graduate school as having sufficient academic ability. (See page 28)

(9) Those who have studied for four years or more in a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine by March 2026, or those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a 16-year course of education abroad in the same fields, and are recognized by this graduate school as having acquired the required credits with excellent grades. (See page 28)

(10) Those recognized by this graduate school through individual qualification screening as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than graduates of a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine, and who will be at least 24 years old by March 31, 2026. (See page 28)

○ Dentistry Program

Same conditions (1) to (10) as the Medical Program apply. Applicants must be employed at the time of admission or expected to be employed after admission (limited to those who will continue to be employed).

Applicants who fall under conditions (3), (4), or (6) to (10) must undergo a preliminary qualification screening before applying. Please refer to page 28 "IX. Preliminary Qualification Screening" and submit the required documents during the designated application period.

However, applicants who fall under Notes ① or ② of condition (7) do not need to confirm their eligibility.

(1) Graduates or expected graduates (by March 2026) of a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine as defined in Article 83 of the School Education Act.

(2) Holders or expected holders (by March 2026) of a bachelor's degree in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine under Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Act.

(3) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) an 18-year course of education abroad, with the final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)

(4) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) an 18-year course of education abroad through correspondence education conducted by a foreign institution, with the final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)

(5) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a course at an educational institution in Japan recognized as part of a foreign university's 18-year education system (final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine), designated separately by the Minister of Education. (See page 28)

(6) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a program of five years or more in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine at a foreign university or institution accredited by the foreign government or relevant agency, and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree. (See page 28)

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education (see notes on page 11).

(8) Those admitted to a graduate school doctoral program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs based on six-year undergraduate programs), or veterinary medicine under Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act, and recognized by this graduate school as having sufficient academic ability. (See page 28)

(9) Those who have studied for four years or more in a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine by March 2026, or those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a 16-year course of education abroad in the same fields, and are recognized by this graduate school as having acquired the required credits with excellent grades. (See page 28)

(10) Those recognized by this graduate school through individual qualification screening as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than graduates of a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine, and who will be at least 24 years old by March 31, 2026. (See page 28)

Notes on Condition (7): "Persons designated by the Minister of Education" refers to:

1. Graduates of medical or dental faculties under the former University Ordinance (Imperial Ordinance No. 388 of 1918).
2. Graduates of the National Defense Medical College under the Defense Agency Establishment Law (Law No. 164 of 1954).
3. Those who have completed a master's program or a professional graduate school program under Article 99, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act, and are eligible to receive a master's degree.
4. Those who have studied for two years or more in a doctoral program without division into first and second stages, earned 30 or more credits, and received necessary research guidance, and are recognized by this graduate school as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than graduates of a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)
5. Graduates of a university program (excluding medicine, dentistry, pharmacy aimed at clinical skills, or veterinary medicine), or those who have completed a 16-year course of education abroad, and have engaged in research for two years or more at a university or research institute, and are recognized by this graduate school as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than graduates of the above-mentioned programs. (See page 28)

2. Selection Method and Examination Subjects

Admission selection will be based on the results of the foreign language (English) exam, oral examination, and review of application documents.

Degree Program	Foreign Language (English)	Oral Examination
Medical Program (All 3 Courses)	☐	☐
Dentistry Program		☐

(1) Medical Program (All 3 Courses)

Exam Dates:

- First Round: Thursday, November 6, 2025
- Second Round: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Exam Schedule:

- 10:00–11:30: Foreign Language (English) ※1
- 13:00–: Oral Examination (First Choice) ※2
- 15:00–: Oral Examination (Second Choice) ※2

※1: Dictionaries allowed (English-Japanese, Japanese-English, English-English). Electronic and medical dictionaries are not allowed.

※2: The oral exam will assess knowledge related to the chosen field. In some areas, a written test may also be conducted. Please confirm with the faculty member in charge of your desired research field.

(2) Dentistry Program

Exam Dates:

- First Round: Wednesday, November 26, 2025
- Second Round: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Exam Schedule:

- 13:00–: Oral Examination ※

※ The oral exam will assess knowledge of the chosen research field and communication skills, including language proficiency.

3. Examination Venue

Niigata University Asahimachi Campus (Chuo Ward, Niigata City)
(Detailed information will be provided in the examination guide.)

V. Special Selection for International Students

1. Eligibility for Application

○ Medical Program

Applicants must **not hold Japanese nationality** and must meet one of the conditions (1) to (10) below.

Applicants who fall under conditions (3), (4), or (6) to (10) must undergo a **preliminary qualification** screening before applying. Please refer to page 28 "IX. Preliminary Qualification Screening" and submit the required documents during the designated application period.

However, applicants who fall under Notes ①, ②, or ③ of condition (7) do not need to confirm their eligibility.

(1) Graduates or expected graduates (by March 2026) of a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine as defined in Article 83 of the School Education Act.

(2) Holders or expected holders (by March 2026) of a bachelor's degree in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine under Article 104, Paragraph 7 of the School Education Act.

(3) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) an 18-year course of education abroad, with the final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)

(4) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) an 18-year course of education abroad through correspondence education conducted by a foreign institution, with the final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)

(5) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a course at an educational institution in Japan recognized as part of a foreign university's 18-year education system (final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine), designated separately by the Minister of Education. (See page 28)

(6) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a program of five years or more in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine at a foreign university or institution accredited by the foreign government or relevant agency, and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree. (See page 28)

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education (see notes on page 15).

(8) Those admitted to a graduate school doctoral program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs based on six-year undergraduate programs), or veterinary medicine under Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act, and recognized by this graduate school as having sufficient academic ability. (See page 28)

(9) Those who have studied for four years or more in a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine by March 2026, or those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a 16-year course of education abroad in the same fields, and are recognized by this graduate school as having acquired the required credits with excellent grades. (See page 28)

(10) Those recognized by this graduate school through individual qualification screening as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than graduates of a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine, and who will be at least 24 years old by March 31, 2026. (See page 28)

○ Dentistry Program

Same conditions (1) to (10) as the Medical Program apply. Applicants must **not hold Japanese nationality**.

Applicants who fall under conditions (3), (4), or (6) to (10) must undergo a **preliminary qualification screening** before applying. Please refer to page 28 "IX. Preliminary Qualification Screening" and submit the required documents during the designated application period.

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(3) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) an 18-year course of education abroad, with the final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)

(4) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) an 18-year course of education abroad through correspondence education conducted by a foreign institution, with the final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)

(5) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a course at an educational institution in Japan recognized as part of a foreign university's 18-year education system (final stage in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine), designated separately by the Minister of Education. (See page 28)

(6) Those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a program of five years or more in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine at a foreign university or institution accredited by the foreign government or relevant agency, and have been awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree. (See page 28)

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education (see notes on page 15).

(8) Those admitted to a graduate school doctoral program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs based on six-year undergraduate programs), or veterinary medicine under Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act, and recognized by this graduate school as having sufficient academic ability. (See page 28)

(9) Those who have studied for four years or more in a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine by March 2026, or those who have completed or are expected to complete (by March 2026) a 16-year course of education abroad in the same fields, and are recognized by this graduate school as having acquired the required credits with excellent grades. (See page 28)

(10) Those recognized by this graduate school through individual qualification screening as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than graduates of a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine, and who will be at least 24 years old by March 31, 2026. (See page 28)

Notes on Condition (7): "Persons designated by the Minister of Education" refers to:

1. Graduates of medical or dental faculties under the former University Ordinance (Imperial Ordinance No. 388 of 1918).
2. Graduates of the National Defense Medical College under the Defense Agency Establishment Law (Law No. 164 of 1954).
3. Those who have completed a master's program or a professional graduate school program under Article 99, Paragraph 2 of the School Education Act, and are eligible to receive a master's degree.
4. Those who have studied for two years or more in a doctoral program without division into first and second stages, earned 30 or more credits, and received necessary research guidance, and are recognized by this graduate school as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than graduates of a university program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to programs aimed at developing practical clinical skills), or veterinary medicine. (See page 28)
5. Graduates of a university program (excluding medicine, dentistry, pharmacy aimed at clinical skills, or veterinary medicine), or those who have completed a 16-year course of education abroad, and have engaged in research for two years or more at a university or research institute, and are recognized by this graduate school as having academic ability equivalent to or higher than graduates of the above-mentioned programs. (See page 28)

2. Selection Method and Examination Subjects

Admission selection will be based on the results of the foreign language (English) exam, oral examination, and review of application documents.

Degree Program	Foreign Language (English)	Oral Examination
Medical Program (All 3 Courses)	☐	☐
Dentistry Program	☐	☐

(1) Medical Program (All 3 Courses)

Exam Dates:

- First Round: Thursday, November 6, 2025
- Second Round: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Exam Schedule:

- 10:00–11:30: Foreign Language (English) ※1
- 13:00–: Oral Examination (First Choice) ※2
- 15:00–: Oral Examination (Second Choice) ※2

※1: Dictionaries allowed (English-Japanese, Japanese-English, English-English). Electronic and medical dictionaries are not allowed.

※2: The oral exam will assess knowledge related to the chosen field. In some areas, a written test may also be conducted. Please confirm with the faculty member in charge of your desired research field.

(2) Dentistry Program

Exam Dates:

- First Round: Wednesday, November 26, 2025
- Second Round: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Exam Schedule:

- 13:00–: Oral Examination ※

※1: The oral exam will assess knowledge of the chosen research field and communication skills, including language proficiency.

※2: Applicants who are still overseas may take the exam via Zoom or other online platforms.

3. Examination Venue

Niigata University Asahimachi Campus (Chuo Ward, Niigata City)
(Detailed information will be provided in the examination guide.)

VI. Application Procedures

1. Application Procedures

Degree Program	First Round	Second Round
Medical Program • Global Health Research Course • Precision Medicine Research Course • Brain and Mind Medicine Research Course	October 17 (Fri) – October 22 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]	December 17 (Wed) – December 23 (Tue), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]
Dentistry Program	October 27 (Mon) – October 29 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]	December 22 (Mon) – December 24 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]

- **In-person submission:** Accepted from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Not accepted on Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays.
- **By mail (registered express only):** Must arrive within the application period.

2. Required Documents

Applicants must prepare the following documents and submit them either in person or by registered express mail to the address listed in section 4.

- For mailing, download and print the "Envelope Label for Submission" from the Graduate School website (see URLs below), fill in the required information, and affix it to a commercially available **Kakugata No. 2 envelope (240mm × 332mm)**.
- Use the designated forms available on the following websites:
 Medical Program: https://www.med.niigata-u.ac.jp/contents/target/graduate_school/index.html
 Dentistry Program: <https://www.dent.niigata-u.ac.jp/admissions/graduateschool/oral-science/requirements/>

Documents Required for All Applicants

Document	Description
① Application Form, Examination Ticket, Photo Sheet	Use the designated form. Attach a photo (4cm × 3cm) taken within 3 months, upper body, no hat, facing forward. If you wear glasses during exams, wear them in the photo. Enter the "Payment Reference Number" from the automatic reply email of the payment form.
② Examination Fee: ¥30,000	After preparing your application documents, please complete the designated form before paying the examination fee. For details on the payment procedure, refer to the automatic reply email from the examination fee payment form. Medical Program https://forms.office.com/r/pu15A2Pjc4 

Document	Description
	Dentistry Program https://forms.office.com/r/EUGSRWYaCM  ※Bank transfer fees are the responsibility of the applicant. Please confirm the exact amount with your financial institution. ※Examination fee payment periods: First Round of Applications: Medical Program: From Friday, October 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM to Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 3:00 PM Dental Program: From Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 9:00 AM to Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 3:00 PM Second Round of Applications: Medical Program: From Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 9:00 AM to Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 3:00 PM Dental Program: From Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM to Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 3:00 PM ※When making the payment, please use the payer name specified in the automatic reply email from the Examination Fee Payment Form. ※Enter the payment reference number in the designated field on the application form. ※If you are sending payment from overseas, please use Flywire. [Flywire Payment URL]: https://niigatauni-exam.flywire.com/ If you have any questions about how to pay via Flywire, please contact: - Help Center: https://help.flywire.com/hc/en-us - Email: support@flywire.com (Support available via phone, live chat, and WeChat QR code depending on country) [Flywire Contact at Niigata University] - Niigata University Finance Department, Revenue Section - Email: syunyu@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp
③ Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation) or Degree Certificate	Must be issued by the president/dean of the university or school. Applicants under eligibility (2) must submit a degree certificate. Graduates of Niigata University's Faculty of Medicine or Dentistry do not need to submit this.
④ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Use a Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) . Attach the printed "Return Envelope Label" and a ¥410 stamp. For the Medical Program, please

Document	Description
	fill in the required information on Label ⑤, print it in color, cut out the “「受験票在中」 Examination Ticket Enclosed” section in the upper right corner, and affix it to the front of a commercially available Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm). Attach a 410-yen postage stamp and submit the envelope.
⑤ Address Label	Submit the lower half of the designated form. For the Medical Program, please fill in the required information on the address label, cut out the lower half of the form (marked “「合格通知書在中」 Notification of Acceptance Enclosed” and “「入学手続き書類在中」 Enrollment Documents Enclosed”), and submit it.

Documents Required for Applicable Applicants

Document	Description
⑥ Academic Transcript (Dentistry Program only)	Must be sealed and issued by the dean/president of the university or school. Not required for Niigata University graduates.
⑦ Certificate of Completion (or Expected Completion) of Master's Program	Only for those completing a master's program. Must be issued by the graduate school dean.
⑧ Transcript of Master's Program	Only for those completing a master's program.
⑨ Research Summary (Dentistry Program only)	For working adult applicants who conducted research after graduation. Submit on A4 paper. Include relevance to intended graduate research.
⑩ Summary of Clinical Experience (Dentistry Program only)	For working adult applicants with clinical experience. Submit on A4 paper. Include relevance to intended graduate research.
⑪ Consent Form for Examination (Dentistry Program only)	For working adult applicants currently employed. Use the designated form and obtain official seal from your supervisor.
⑫ Copy of Residence Card or Passport	Non-Japanese nationals must submit both sides of their residence card. If not yet in Japan, submit a copy of the passport page showing name and details.

3. Notes on Application

1. No changes to submitted documents are allowed after submission.
 2. The seal on document ⑪ must be an official title seal (e.g., president, branch manager), not a personal or company seal.
 3. Examination fees and documents are non-refundable.
- However, if documents are not submitted during the application period, the fee will be refunded.

See: <https://www.niigata-u.ac.jp/admissions/return-fee/>

Refund requests must be made within 5 years.

4. False information may result in cancellation of admission.
5. Documents in languages other than English must be accompanied by a Japanese or English translation.
6. If your current name differs from that on certificates, submit official documentation (e.g., family register).

4. Submission Address

- **Medical Program Applicants**

Niigata University Faculty of Medicine, Academic Affairs Office
757 Asahimachi-dori 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Niigata City, 951-8510
Tel: (025) 227-2015
Email: medgakum@med.niigata-u.ac.jp

- **Dentistry Program Applicants**

Niigata University Faculty of Dentistry, Academic Affairs Office
5274 Gakkōmachi-dori 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Niigata City, 951-8514
Tel: (025) 227-2798 / 2799
Email: gakumu@dent.niigata-u.ac.jp

VII. Selection of Advancing Students

1. Eligibility

Applicants who are expected to complete a master's or first-stage doctoral program at Niigata University by March 2026.

2. Application Period and Submission Address

(1) Application Period

Degree Program	First Round	Second Round
Medical Program • Glocal Medical Research Course • Precision Medicine Research Course • Brain and Mind Medicine Research Course	October 17 (Fri) – October 22 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]	December 17 (Wed) – December 23 (Tue), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]
Dentistry Program	October 27 (Mon) – October 29 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]	December 22 (Mon) – December 24 (Wed), 2025 [Must arrive by deadline]

- **In-person submission:** 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (no weekends or holidays).
- **By mail (registered express only):** Must arrive within the application period.

(2) Submission Address for Application Documents

① For applicants to the Medical Program

Address:

757 Asahimachi-dori 1-bancho, Chuo-ku, Niigata City, Niigata 951-8510, Japan

Admissions and Clinical Training Section, School of Medicine, Niigata University

- Phone: (025) 227-2015

- Email: medgakum@med.niigata-u.ac.jp

② For applicants to the Dental Program

Address:

5274 Gakkocho-dori 2-bancho, Chuo-ku, Niigata City, Niigata 951-8514, Japan

Academic Affairs Section, School of Dentistry, Niigata University

- Phone: (025) 227-2798 / 2799

- Email: gakumu@dent.niigata-u.ac.jp

3. Required Documents

Applicants must prepare the required application documents listed below and submit them either in person or by registered express mail to the submission address indicated in section 2(2).

If submitting in person, the reception hours are from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

When submitting by mail, please download and print in color the “Envelope Label for Submission of Application Documents” from the website of the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Niigata University. Fill in the required information, affix the label to a commercially available Kakugata No. 2 envelope (240mm × 332mm), and send it by registered express mail to ensure it arrives within the application period.

The prescribed forms for the application documents are available on the following websites. Please download and print them yourself for use:

- Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences (Medical Division)
(For applicants to the Medical Program)
https://www.med.niigata-u.ac.jp/contents/target/graduate_school/index.html
- Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences (Dental Division)
(For applicants to the Dental Program)
<https://www.dent.niigata-u.ac.jp/admissions/graduateschool/oral-science/requirements/>

Document	Description
① Advancement Application Form	Use designated form. Attach photo (4cm × 3cm) taken within 3 months.
② Research Progress Report	Use designated form.
③ Research Plan	Use designated form.
④ Certificate of Expected Completion	Only for applicants from other graduate schools. Not required for students in the Medical Sciences Program.
⑤ Three Envelopes	For sending the examination ticket, result notification, and enrollment documents. Label each with your advisor's name and affiliation.

4. Notes on Application

1. No examination fee is required.
2. Submitted documents cannot be returned or modified.
3. False information may result in cancellation of advancement.

5. Selection Method and Dates

Selection is based on oral examination and submitted documents.

Degree Program	Oral Examination
Medical Program (All 3 Courses)	☐
Dentistry Program	☐

Medical Program Oral Exam

- First Round: November 6 (Thu), 2025
- Second Round: January 21 (Wed), 2026
 - 13:00: First Choice
 - 15:00: Second Choice

※ Exam covers knowledge of the chosen field. Some areas may include a written test.
Confirm with your advisor.

Dentistry Program Oral Exam

- First Round: November 26 (Wed), 2025
- Second Round: February 4 (Wed), 2026
 - 13:00: Oral Exam

※ Exam includes field-specific knowledge and English proficiency.

Note 1: Confirm time and location with your advisor.

Note 2: Bring your examination ticket on the day of the exam.

6. Examination Venue

Niigata University Asahimachi Campus (Chuo Ward, Niigata City)

(Detailed information will be provided in the examination guide.)

7. Advancement Procedures

Procedure Period
First Round: January 20 (Tue) – January 22 (Thu), 2026 [Must arrive by deadline]
Second Round: March 18 (Wed) – March 19 (Thu), 2026 [Must arrive by deadline]

- Applies to all programs.
- Submit in person (8:30 AM – 5:00 PM) or by registered express mail.
- Failure to complete procedures within the period will be considered a withdrawal.
- No admission fee is required.

VIII. Common Information for All Selection Processes

1. Announcement of Results

- **First Recruitment:** Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM
- **Second Recruitment:** Monday, March 9, 2026, at 10:00 AM

The announcement schedule is common across all programs.

Successful applicants' examination numbers will be posted on the website of the Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, Niigata University.

- For applicants to the **Medical Program:**
Medical Sciences Website
https://www.med.niigata-u.ac.jp/contents/target/graduate_school/index.html
- For applicants to the **Dental Program:**
Dental Sciences Website
<https://www.dent.niigata-u.ac.jp/>

Notification of acceptance will also be sent by mail at the time of announcement.

No inquiries regarding results will be accepted by phone or other means.

2. Enrollment Procedures

(1) Enrollment Period

- **First Recruitment:** January 20 (Tue) – January 22 (Thu), 2026 (must arrive by this date)
- **Second Recruitment:** March 18 (Wed) – March 19 (Thu), 2026 (must arrive by this date)

The enrollment period is common across all programs.

(2) Submission Method

Submit documents either in person or by registered express mail.

Reception hours for in-person submission: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (excluding weekends and holidays).

Documents must arrive within the designated period.

(3) Failure to complete enrollment within the period will be considered a withdrawal.

(4) Enrollment Fee: ¥282,000 (tentative)

3. Long-Term Study Program

This system allows students who are unable to complete the program within the standard 4-year period due to employment or other circumstances to extend their study period to 5 or 6 years.

(1) Eligible Applicants:

- Employed individuals (including self-employed and temporary workers)
- Individuals with responsibilities such as childbirth, childcare, or caregiving
- Individuals with physical or mental disabilities
- Others deemed eligible by the graduate school

(2) Study Period:

5 or 6 years. Changes to the study period after enrollment will apply from the following academic year.

(3) Application Method:

Submit the designated application form and required documents (e.g., approval from employer) during the enrollment period.

(4) Notification:

Approval will be notified after enrollment procedures are completed.

(5) Tuition Fee:

Calculated as:

(Standard tuition fee × 4 years) ÷ Extended study period (years)

4. Special Educational Measures for Working Adults (Article 14 Exception)

To support working adults in the doctoral program, the graduate school applies Article 14 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools, allowing for flexible class and research guidance schedules (e.g., evening or specific periods).

Applicants must apply for this exception after enrollment.

5. Early Completion Exception

Exceptional students with outstanding achievements may be eligible for early completion of the program.

Details will be provided after enrollment—please inquire at the contact listed on page 27.

6. Handling of Personal Information

(1) Personal information provided during application will be used for processing applications, conducting selection, announcing results, enrollment procedures, and related research and analysis.

(2) Exam scores will be used for research and analysis of the selection process.

(3) For successful applicants, personal information and exam scores will be used for academic and student support purposes.

Names and addresses may be shared with alumni and support organizations.

7. Disclosure of Entrance Exam Information

(1) Public Information:

- Exam questions and sample answers will be published on the graduate school website.
- Evaluation and selection criteria will also be published.

(2) Disclosure of Individual Scores: Applicants may request disclosure of their scores by mail by **March 31, 2026** (postmarked).

Details are available on page 27.

Alternatively, requests can be made under the Personal Information Protection Law (¥300 fee applies).

8. Pre-Consultation for Applicants with Disabilities

Applicants requiring accommodations for exams or study due to disabilities should consult the university in advance.

(1) Consultation Deadlines:

- **First Recruitment:**
 - Medical Program: by Wednesday, October 8, 2025
 - Dental Program: by Tuesday, September 30, 2025
- **Second Recruitment:**
 - Medical Program: by Friday, November 14, 2025

- Dental Program: by Friday, November 21, 2025
- Early consultation is recommended. If needs arise after the deadline, contact the office immediately.

(2) Method:

Submit the designated application form with a medical certificate (issued within 6 months).

(3) Required Documents:

- Application form (please inquire)
- Medical certificate (copy acceptable)

(4) Contact Information:

- **Medical Program:**

Niigata University School of Medicine Academic Affairs Office

Phone: (025) 227-2015

Address: 757 Asahimachi-dori 1-bancho, Chuo-ku, Niigata 951-8510

- **Dental Program:**

Niigata University School of Dentistry Academic Affairs Office

Phone: (025) 227-2798 / 2799

Address: 5274 Gakkocho-dori 2-bancho, Chuo-ku, Niigata 951-8514

9. Residence Status for International Students

Non-Japanese applicants must prepare their residence status in advance.

Those already residing in Japan will be issued a certificate for status change or extension after enrollment.

Applicants not yet in Japan must wait until acceptance to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility, which may take 1–3 months.

Please plan accordingly.

10. Contact Faculty for Each Program/Field

Refer to the university and graduate school websites to find information on majors, programs, and faculty.

If you cannot find contact details, inquire at the contact listed on page 27.

- **Medical Program:**

Medical Sciences Website

https://www.med.niigata-u.ac.jp/contents/target/graduate_school/index.html

- **Dental Program (including Oral Health and Welfare Sciences):**

Dental Sciences Website

<https://www.dent.niigata-u.ac.jp/>

11. Other Notes

(1) If your address or contact information changes after application, notify the office immediately.

(2) Mask-wearing on exam day is optional. If you have symptoms such as coughing, please wear a mask.

You may be asked to remove your mask for identity verification.

Contact Information

■ For Applicants to the Medical Program

Niigata University Faculty of Medicine

Admissions and Clinical Training Office

757 Asahimachi-dori 1-bancho, Chuo-ku, Niigata 951-8510, Japan

Phone: +81-25-227-2015

E-mail: medgakum@med.niigata-u.ac.jp

■ For Applicants to the Dental Program

Niigata University Faculty of Dentistry

Academic Affairs Office

5274 Gakkocho-dori 2-bancho, Chuo-ku, Niigata 951-8514, Japan

Phone: +81-25-227-2798 / 2799

E-mail: gakumu@dent.niigata-u.ac.jp

IX. Preliminary Eligibility Screening

This procedure is **only required for applicable applicants**.

Applicants who fall under any of the eligibility categories (3), (4), or (6)–(10) must undergo a **preliminary eligibility screening** before applying. Please submit the required documents during the designated application period.

Once eligibility is confirmed, proceed with the formal application process.

1. Submission Deadline for Preliminary Screening Documents

Degree Program	First Recruitment	Second Recruitment
Medical Program • Global Medical Research Course • Precision Medicine Research Course • Brain and Mind Medicine Research Course	October 1 (Wed) – October 8 (Wed), 2025 (must arrive by this date)	November 4 (Tue) – November 14 (Fri), 2025 (must arrive by this date)
Dental Program	Until September 30 (Tue), 2025 (must arrive by this date)	Until November 21 (Fri), 2025 (must arrive by this date)

- **In-person submission:** 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (excluding weekends and holidays)
- **By mail (registered mail only):** Must arrive within the designated period

2. Screening Documents

(1) Medical Program

Applicants falling under eligibility categories (3), (4), or (6)–(10) **must contact the office listed in Section 3** to confirm eligibility before applying.

However, applicants under category (7) notes ①, ②, or ③ **do not need prior confirmation**.

Applications submitted without prior contact may not be accepted.

Required forms are available on the Medical Program Website. Please print and use the designated forms.

https://www.med.niigata-u.ac.jp/contents/target/graduate_school/index.html

For eligibility categories (3), (4), or (6):

Document	Description
① Application for Eligibility Screening	Use the designated form from the website
② Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation)	Issued by the president or dean of the last attended university
③ Academic Transcript	
④ Research Achievements and Progress Report	Use the designated form; detail any research or work at medical/research institutions after graduation

Document	Description
⑤ Copy of Residence Card or Passport	For non-Japanese nationals: submit both sides of residence card or passport page with name
⑥ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

Documents ② and ③ must be originals. If written in a language other than English, attach a Japanese or English translation.

For eligibility category (7) note ④:

Document	Description
① Application for Eligibility Screening	Use the designated form from the website
② Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation)	Issued by the president or dean of the last attended university
③ Academic Transcript	
④ Research Achievements and Progress Report	If you have achievements or research experience at medical institutions or research organizations after graduating (or completing) university, please provide detailed information using the designated form attached to this guideline. If you have any papers or research presentations, please attach copies or offprints.
⑤ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

For eligibility category (7) note ⑤:

Document	Description
① Application for Eligibility Screening	Use the designated form from the website
② Certificate of Graduation (or Expected Graduation)	Issued by the president or dean of the last attended university
③ Academic Transcript	
④ Research Achievements and Progress Report	If you have achievements or research experience at medical institutions or research organizations after graduating (or completing) university, please provide detailed information using the designated form attached to this guideline. If you have any papers or research presentations, please attach copies or offprints.
⑤ Clinical Experience Certificate and Job Description Certificate	Submit only if you have clinical experience. (Format is optional)
⑥ Research Achievements and Progress Report	Use the designated form; detail any research or work at medical/research institutions after graduation

Document	Description
⑦ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

For eligibility category (8):

Document	Description
① Application for Eligibility Screening	Use the designated form
② Academic Transcript	Issued by both the undergraduate university and current graduate school
③ Certificate of Enrollment	Issued by the dean of the current graduate school (not required for current Niigata University graduate students)
④ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

For eligibility category (9):

Document	Description
① Application for Eligibility Screening	Use the designated form from the website
② Certificate of Enrollment	Submit only if you are currently enrolled. The certificate must be issued by the president (or dean) of your current university. Note: Applicants currently enrolled at Niigata University are not required to submit this.
③ Certificate of Graduation (or Completion)	Submit a certificate issued by the president (or dean) of your most recently attended university.
④ Academic Transcript	Submit a transcript issued by the president (or dean) of your current or previously attended university.
⑤ Research Achievement Record and Research Progress Report	If you have any research achievements or experience, please submit the designated form attached to this guideline.
⑥ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

For eligibility category (10):

Document	Description
① Application for Eligibility Screening	Use the designated form from the website
② Certificate of Graduation (or Completion)	This must be issued by the principal of your most recently attended school.

Document	Description
	Graduates of advanced courses at junior colleges or colleges of technology must submit both the graduation certificate from the junior college or college of technology and the completion certificate of the advanced course.
③ Academic Transcript	This must be issued by the principal of your most recently attended school. Graduates of advanced courses at junior colleges or colleges of technology must submit both the transcript from the junior college or college of technology and the transcript of the advanced course.
④ Research Achievement Record and Research Progress Report	If you have achievements or research experience at medical institutions or research organizations after graduating (or completing) school—including achievements or research conducted in advanced courses at junior colleges or colleges of technology—please provide detailed information using the designated form attached to this guideline. If you have any papers or research presentations, please attach copies or offprints.
⑤ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

(2) Dental Program

Same procedures apply as in the Medical Program.

Applicants under eligibility categories (3), (4), or (6)–(10) **must contact the office listed in Section 3** before applying.

Applicants under category (7) notes ① or ② **do not need prior confirmation**.

Required forms are available on the Dental Program Website.

<https://www.dent.niigata-u.ac.jp/admissions/graduateschool/oral-science/requirements/>

For eligibility categories (3), (4):

Document	Description
① Application Eligibility Certification Form	Please print and use the designated form available on the university website.
② Resume for Eligibility Confirmation	
③ Certificate of Graduation (Completion) or Expected Graduation (Completion)	Submit a certificate issued by the president (or dean) of the last university attended.
④ Academic Transcript	
⑤ List of Research Achievements and Research Progress Report	If you have achievements or research experience at medical institutions, research institutes, etc., after graduating (completing) university, please fill in the details using the designated forms attached to this guideline.
⑥ Research Achievements and Progress Report	Use the designated form; detail any research or work at medical/research institutions after graduation
⑦ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

※ Regarding items ③ and ④, please submit the original documents.

If they are written in a foreign language other than English, please attach a Japanese or English translation.

For eligibility category (6):

Documents will be individually specified. Please contact the office listed in Section 3.

For eligibility category (7) note ③:

Document	Description
① Application Eligibility Certification Form	Please print and use the designated form available on the university website.
② Certificate of Completion (or Expected Completion)	Submit a certificate issued by the dean of the graduate school you attended (or are currently attending).
③ Academic Transcript	Submit a certificate issued by the dean of the graduate school you attended (or are currently attending).

Document	Description
④ Research Achievements and Progress Report	Use the designated form; detail any research or work at medical/research institutions after graduation
⑤ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

For eligibility category (7) note ④:

Same as Medical Program

Document	Description
① Application Eligibility Certification Form	Please print and use the designated form available on the university website.
② Certificate of Graduation (or Completion)	Submit a certificate issued by the president (or dean) of the last university attended.
③ Academic Transcript	
④ List of Research Achievements and Research Progress Report	If you have achievements or research experience at medical institutions, research institutes, etc., after graduating (completing) university, please fill in the details using the designated forms attached to this guideline. If you have published papers or made research presentations, please attach copies or offprints.
⑤ Certificate of Clinical Experience and Job Description	Submit only if you have clinical experience. (Format is optional)
⑥ Research Achievements and Progress Report	Use the designated form; detail any research or work at medical/research institutions after graduation
⑦ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

For eligibility category (8):

Document	Description
① Application Eligibility Certification Form	Please print and use the designated form available on the university website.
② Academic Transcript	Submit transcripts issued by both the president (or dean) of the undergraduate university and the dean of the graduate school currently attended.
③ Certificate of Enrollment	Submit a certificate issued by the dean of the graduate school currently attended. Note: Students currently enrolled in this university's graduate school are not required to submit this.
④ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

For eligibility category (9):

Document	Description
① Application Eligibility Certification Form	Please print and use the designated form available on the university website.
② Certificate of Enrollment	Submit a certificate issued by the president (or dean) of the university currently attended, only if you are still enrolled. Note: Students currently enrolled in this university are not required to submit this.
③ Certificate of Graduation (or Completion)	Submit a certificate issued by the president (or dean) of the last university attended.
④ Academic Transcript	Submit a transcript issued by the president (or dean) of the university currently or previously attended.
⑤ List of Research Achievements and Research Progress Report	If you have achievements or research experience, please submit the details using the designated forms attached to this guideline.
⑥ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

For eligibility category (10):

Document	Description
① Application Eligibility Certification Form	Please print and use the designated form available on the university website.
② Certificate of Graduation (or Completion)	This must be issued by the principal of the last school attended. Graduates of junior colleges or advanced courses at colleges of technology must submit both the certificate of graduation from the junior college or college of technology and the certificate of completion of the advanced course.
③ Academic Transcript	This must be issued by the principal of the last school attended. Graduates of junior colleges or advanced courses at colleges of technology must submit both the academic transcript from the junior college or college of technology and the academic transcript from the advanced course.
④ List of Research Achievements and Research Progress Report	If you have achievements or research experience at medical institutions, research institutes, etc., after graduating (completing) school — including achievements or research status in advanced courses at junior colleges or colleges of technology — please fill in the details using the designated forms attached to this guideline. If you have published papers or made research presentations, please attach copies or offprints.

Document	Description
⑤ Self-addressed stamped envelope	Chōkei No. 3 envelope (120mm × 235mm) with name, address, postal code, and ¥410 stamp

3. Submission Address for Screening Documents

- **Medical Program Applicants**

Niigata University School of Medicine Academic Affairs Office
757 Asahimachi-dori 1-bancho, Chuo-ku, Niigata 951-8510
Phone: (025) 227-2015
Email: medgakum@med.niigata-u.ac.jp

- **Dental Program Applicants**

Niigata University School of Dentistry Academic Affairs Office
5274 Gakkocho-dori 2-bancho, Chuo-ku, Niigata 951-8514
Phone: (025) 227-2798 / 2799
Email: gakumu@dent.niigata-u.ac.jp

Notes:

1. Submitted documents cannot be modified or returned.
2. Documents written in languages other than English must be accompanied by a Japanese or English translation.
3. When mailing documents, use registered mail and write in red on the envelope:
“Contains Application for Eligibility Screening for Graduate School of Health Sciences Entrance Examination”

4. Confirmation or Screening of Application Eligibility

Confirmation or screening will be conducted based on the submitted application documents.

5. Notification of Screening Results

Results will be promptly communicated to applicants after the screening is completed.