

Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine

Course Registration Procedures

Upon admission to Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, you are required to draw up a course registration plan and decide on a research theme under the guidance of your academic advisor.

1. Categories of subjects offered by the Graduate School of Medicine

(1) The categories and outlines of the subjects are as shown in the following table.

Category		Outline
Specialized subjects	Core subjects	You should select core subjects from seminars and experimental research courses offered by your division. You must also take some of the distinctive educational programs related to your area of specialization. Through these core subjects, you are expected to develop the ability to carry out research in the area of your intended specialty and to become a researcher or leading medical professional with a creative attitude.
	Minor subjects	Choose and register for courses from the seminars and practical research offered in all fields. To earn credits, you must pass examinations held in accordance with the number of hours studied. The minor subjects cover topics that are related to the core subjects. Through these subjects, you are expected to gain advanced expertise and develop the ability to conduct research in your own creative way.
Basic subjects		These subjects form a common program with the aim of imparting as broad a basic knowledge as possible to students as one aspect of graduate education. They include Special Lectures (TOKURON) and Basic Science Practice (Basic Training).

(2) Courses in these subjects are shown in the separate sheets.

The syllabus can be downloaded from the QR code on the right.



2. Number of credits required to complete the doctoral course at the Graduate School of Medicine

(or to withdraw from the doctoral course with the completion of course requirements)

(1) **Core subjects: 16 credits (elective and compulsory subjects)**

Seminar: 10 credits

Experimental research course: 6 credits

*You must take the distinctive educational programs (TOKUPRO) tailored to your own area consisting of a total of at least 20 lectures over four courses.

(2) **Minor subjects: At least 10 credits (elective and compulsory subjects)**

For students taking courses in basic medicine as core subjects, seminars offered by specialized areas other than the specialized one with which you are affiliated are regarded as minor subjects, while for students taking courses in clinical medicine as core subjects, courses in basic medicine or clinical pharmacology are regarded as minor subjects, and for students taking courses in clinical pharmacology, courses in basic medicine or clinical medicine are regarded as minor subjects.

(3) **Basic subjects: 4 credits** (compulsory subjects)

Special Lectures (TOKURON): 2 credits

Basic Science Practice (Basic Training): 2 credits

A total of at least 30 credits should be earned.

Note: Credits are calculated as follows.

a. Seminars: 15 weeks at 1 h/week (15 hours) = 1 credit

b. Practical research: 15 weeks at 3 h/week (45 hours) = 1 credit

3. Minor subjects

To select minor subjects, consult your academic advisor or professors specializing in these subjects in advance.

Registration conditions for minor subjects

		Core subjects		
		Basic Medicine	Clinical Medicine	Clinical Pharmacology
Minor subjects	Basic Medicine	○	○	○
	Clinical Medicine	○	×	○
	Clinical Pharmacology	○	○	×

4. Distinctive educational programs

In line with the specialist seminars of your core subjects, you must attend at least 20 lectures across four courses from among 15 programs. At each lecture, your “Distinctive Educational Program (TOKUPRO) Attendance Card” will be stamped to validate your attendance.

You must submit this card to the Student Affairs Division before the end of your third year.



TOKUPRO

5. Basic subjects

(1) Special Lectures (TOKURON) (2 credits)

You are required to attend **at least 15 special lectures** classified as “Special Lectures (TOKURON)” offered by any of the divisions. It doesn't matter which specialty you take, but please make sure to include **at least one Premium Lecture**, which is held regularly at our graduate school of medicine as part of the TOKURON, among the 15 or more lectures. However, attendance at Premium Lectures is not mandatory for those who are students of “Special Admission for the Transnational Doctoral Programs for Leading Professionals in Asian Countries”. At each lecture, your “Special Lectures (TOKURON) Attendance Card” will be stamped to validate your attendance. In principle, you should attend at least 15 lectures within a two-year period and submit your attendance card to the Student Affairs Division without delay. Upon receiving the attendance card, the

Chairperson of the Committee on Graduate Education will award credits to you.

The date and outline of each special lecture will be posted on the official website of the Graduate School of Medicine soon after the Student Affairs Division receives details of the lecture from the division hosting it.

(2) Basic Science Practice (Basic Training) (2 credits)

To participate in the Basic Science Practice (Basic Training), please apply online. You will be awarded 0.5 credits per practice course, which means you must complete at least 4 courses to earn 2 credits. Dates of courses and information about acceptance of participants, etc. are shown on the website of the Graduate School of Medicine.

*** Note: Taking the same course more than once will not meet the completion requirements.**

6. Ethics Education

eAPRIN e-learning course: This program aims to foster literacy in research ethics required for medical researchers and to develop human resources who can contribute to clinical research and research management. The program information will be sent to your university email address at a later date.

*** Note: This e-learning course must be completed prior to degree application.**

7. The Graduate School Thesis Defense Meeting (kenkyu happyoukai) (participation in the meeting is a prerequisite for completing the doctoral course or withdrawing from the doctoral course with completion of course requirements)

The Thesis Defense Meeting is held as a preliminary examination for doctoral degree candidates, and also offers a forum for extensive discussion on doctoral research topics to promote the advancement of research at Nagoya University, while encouraging research activities of graduate students and enhancing graduate education. The meeting is held twice a year, in June and November, and you must participate in the meeting and do the presentation in order to be eligible to complete the doctoral course or withdraw from the doctoral course with completion of course requirements.

8. Doctoral degree application

The application requirements for a doctoral degree is as follows:

- those who registered for more than four years on a doctoral course at our graduate school
- those who has acquired 30 credits
 - ✧ Submit TOKURON card (complete more than 15 lectures including one Premium Lecture)
 - ✧ Submit TOKUPRO card (complete more than 20 lectures across four courses)
 - ✧ Complete Basic Training (complete more than 4 courses)
 - ✧ Finish the e-learning courses on research ethics "eAPRIN"
- those who completed the preliminary screening at the Graduate School Thesis Defense Meeting (kenkyu happyoukai)
- those who submitted the original copy of the "RISHUHYOU" (履修票) which can be received from the Student Affairs Office and turned in after the defense meeting.
- those who submitted your dissertation as the first author and got it accepted by a journal that meets the requirements.

For more details for the degree application, please visit the following website.

https://www.med.nagoya-u.ac.jp/medical_E/graduate/doctoral-course/phd-degree/

