



## Results of Accreditations Performed by the Japan University Accreditation Association

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### *Introduction*

In 2002, the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation System was introduced in Japan (enforced in 2004), obligating all higher education institutions (universities, junior colleges and technical colleges) to undergo an evaluation once every 7 years, and all professional graduate schools to undergo an evaluation once every 5 years as well. In each case, the evaluating agency certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) conducts the evaluation process, comprehensively assessing the level of education, research, and other areas.

Since its establishment in 1947, the Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) has played a significant role in assuring the quality of higher education. On August 31, 2004, the JUAA was authorized by the Minister of MEXT as the first Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Agency for universities. Authorization for its Certified Evaluation and Accreditation later expanded to several other fields. The JUAA currently performs Certified Evaluation and Accreditation in 7 fields (universities, junior colleges, law schools, professional graduate business schools, professional graduate public policy schools, professional graduate schools of public health, and professional graduate schools of intellectual property studies.).

JUAA has just finalized the results of accreditations for FY 2015 as follows.

### *FY 2015 University Accreditation (Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for University) Results*

On accepting applications for University Accreditation from 53 universities, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the University Accreditation Committee with subcommittees.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to 52 universities satisfying the JUAA *University Standards*. The names of those accredited universities are listed below.

(University names listed in alphabetical order)

- (Public) Akita International University
- (Private) Atomi University
- (Private) Bunkyo University
- (Public) Chiba Prefectural University Of Health Sciences
- (Private) Ferris University
- (Private) Fukuoka University
- (Private) Gakushuin University
- (Private) Hokusei Gakuen University
- (Private) International Budo University
- (Public) Iwate Prefectural University
- (Private) Japanese Red Cross Akita College of Nursing
- (Private) Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing
- (Private) Japanese Red Cross Hiroshima College of Nursing
- (Private) Japanese Red Cross Kyushu International College of Nursing
- (Private) Joshibi University of Art and Design
- (Private) Kanagawa University
- (Private) Kanazawa Institute of Technology
- (Private) Kawasaki Medical School
- (Private) Kobe College
- (Private) Kobe Pharmaceutical University
- (Private) Kobe Shoin Women's University
- (Private) Kokugakuin University
- (Private) Kumamoto Gakuen University
- (Private) Kwassui Women's University
- (Private) Kyorin University
- (Private) Kyoto Koka Women's University
- (Private) Kyoto Notre Dame University
- (Private) Kyoto Pharmaceutical University
- (Private) Kyoto Seika University

- (Private) Kyushu Lutheran College
- (Private) Meiji Gakuin University
- (Private) Meijo University
- (Private) Mukogawa Women's University
- (Private) Musashino Art University
- (Private) Nagaoka Institute of Design
- (Private) Osaka University of Health and Sport Sciences
- (Private) Otani University
- (Private) Rissho University
- (Private) Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
- (Private) Seijo University
- (Private) Seisen Jogakuin College
- (Private) Senzoku Gakuen College of Music
- (Private) Shonan Institute of Technology
- (Private) Shujitsu University
- (Private) Tama Art University
- (Private) Tenri University
- (Private) Tokyo Christian University
- (Private) Tokyo University of Information Sciences
- (Public) University of Kochi
- (Public) Wakayama Medical University
- (Private) Yamanashi-Eiwa College
- (Private) Yokohama College of Art and Design

Due to problems requiring continuous observation for improvement, accreditation for one university has been granted with limitation. The name of this accredited university is listed below.

- (Private) Osaka Sangyo University

*FY 2015 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Junior College Results*

On accepting the applications for the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Junior College from 5 junior colleges, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The

evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the Junior College Accreditation Committee with subcommittees.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to 5 junior colleges satisfying the JUAA *Junior College Standards*. The names of those accredited junior colleges are listed below.

(Junior Collage names listed in alphabetical order)

- (Public) Iwate Prefectural University, Miyako College
- (Public) Iwate Prefectural University, Morioka Junior College
- (Private) Otani University Junior College
- (Private) Ohtsuki City College
- (Private) Shigakkan University Junior College

*FY 2015 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Law School Results*

The JUAA's mission is to support higher education institutions' self-improvement. Even institutions which have failed accreditation have an opportunity to be reviewed again in one or two years after the initial review to obtain accreditation (Supplementary Review).

In FY 2015, the JUAA conducted the Supplementary Review for 2 law schools, on which the decision of accreditation status had been unaccredited. As a result, the JUAA has finally concluded that one of those schools has made sufficient improvements in its problems, and decided to grant accreditation. The name of the accredited school is listed below.

- (Private) Meijo University Law School

The JUAA has also decided to deny accreditation to another law school due to serious problems that need to be dealt with immediately.

- (Private) Toin University of Yokohama Law School

*FY 2015 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Business School Results*

On accepting applications for the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Business School from 8 schools, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the Professional Graduate Business School Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Committee with subcommittees.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to 7 schools satisfying the JUAA *Standards for Professional Graduate Business School*. The names of those accredited schools are listed below.

(Business School names listed in alphabetical order)

- (Private) Graduate Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies
- (National) Department of Management of Technology, Graduate School for Management of Technology, Niigata University
- (Public) Graduate School of Accountancy University of Hyogo
- (Private) Graduate School of Management, Globis University
- (Private) Ohara Graduate School of Accounting
- (Private) Ritsumeikan University Graduate School of Management
- (Public) The University of Kitakyushu Graduate School of Business Administration

The JUAA has also decided to deny accreditation to one school due to serious problems that need to be dealt with immediately. The name of this school is listed below.

- (National) System safety, Graduate School of Management of Technology, Nagaoka University of Technology

*FY 2015 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Public Policy School Results*

On accepting an application for the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Public Policy School from 2 schools, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the Professional Graduate Public Policy School Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Committee with subcommittees.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to the school satisfying the JUAA *Standards for Professional Graduate Public Policy School*. The names of those accredited schools are listed below.

(Public Policy School names listed in alphabetical order)

(National) School of Government, Kyoto University  
(Private) The Graduate School of Public Management,  
Waseda University

*FY 2015 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate School of Public Health Results*

On accepting an application for the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate School of Public Health from one school, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the Professional Graduate School of Public Health Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Committee with subcommittee.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to the school satisfying the JUAA *Standards for Professional Graduate School of Intellectual Property Studies*. The name of the accredited school is listed below

(Private) Division of Public Health, Graduate School of  
Public Health, Teikyo University

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