

**Notice of Changes to the Admissions Selection Process for the Doctoral Program in
Disability Sciences
For Admission in Academic Year 2028 (Selection Conducted in Academic Year 2027)**

The Doctoral Program in Disability Sciences announces the following changes to the General Admission Examination beginning with the admissions selection for Academic Year 2028 (conducted in Academic Year 2027).

1. Applicable Entrance Examination Category

General Selection Process (January to February Selection Process)

2. Details of the Changes

Changes to the screening criteria for the Oral Examination regarding the examination language (including English-language questions and answers and the option to take the examination in English) and the language of presentation materials.

(1) Screening Criteria

【Before the Change】

After a 15-minute oral presentation (refer to notes 1 and 2) on the research plan submitted with your application is given, an oral assessment will be held.

After the Change

After a 15-minute oral presentation (refer to notes 1 and 2) on the research plan submitted with your application is given, an oral assessment will be held. **The oral assessment will include some questions and answers in English, and English proficiency will also be evaluated.**

(2) Notes in the Admissions Guidelines (Notes 1 and 2)

【Before the Change】

Note 1

The oral presentation and oral assessment in the oral examination will be held in Japanese.

Note 2

The oral presentation will be held based on the documents (handout) prepared by the examinee. Six copies of the handout (should be made using PowerPoint, print one slide per page on an A4 landscape sheet, single-sided, and stapled together) that reflect the assertions in the presentation sheet should be prepared and brought to the oral examination location.

【After the Change】

Note 1

The oral presentation and oral assessment will, in principle, be conducted in Japanese. In such cases, a portion of the oral assessment relating to the research plan will be conducted in English. Applicants may also choose to give their oral presentation and take the oral assessment primarily in English.

Note 2

The oral presentation should be based on materials prepared by the applicant (handouts). Handouts may be prepared in either Japanese or English. However, when English is used, important technical and specialized terms should, where appropriate, also be accompanied by their Japanese translations. Applicants must prepare six copies of the handouts (assuming PowerPoint slides; one slide printed per A4 landscape page, single-sided, stapled) and bring them to the examination venue.

※ There will be **no change to the score allocation** resulting from this revision:

- Foreign Language: **200 points**
- Oral Examination: **500 points**
- Thesis: **300 points**

※ For detailed information and the official application guidelines, please refer to the application guidelines website that will be announced at a later date.