

## Results for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Junior College

### Nagano Prefectural College

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| <b>Basic Information of the Institution</b>   |                         |
| Ownership: Public   | Location: Nagano, Japan |
| <b>Accreditation Status</b>   |                         |
| Year of the Review: 2012  |                         |
| Accreditation Status: accredited (Accreditation Period: April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2020)   |                         |
| <b>Related Links</b>  |                         |
| Nagano Prefectural College: <a href="http://www.nagano-kentan.ac.jp/">http://www.nagano-kentan.ac.jp/</a> (in Japanese)   |                         |
| Full Text of the Accreditation Results (in Japanese):<br><a href="http://www.juaa.or.jp/accreditation/j_college/result_2012.html">http://www.juaa.or.jp/accreditation/j_college/result_2012.html</a>      |                         |
| Accreditation Standards, Process and other related information (in English):<br><a href="http://www.juaa.or.jp/en/accreditation/j_college.html">http://www.juaa.or.jp/en/accreditation/j_college.html</a> |                         |

## **Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Result for Nagano Prefectural College**

### **Notable Strength**

- It is commendable that Nagao Prefectural College has made efforts to contribute to the community. For example, it has made organizational efforts to cooperate with the local community, having its Regional International Cooperation Center playing a core role. Furthermore, faculty members offer lectures at various events such as off-campus lectures, the citizens' college, prefectural culture courses, and the Nagano Senior Life Academy (NaSLA). These have been well-received, according to the results of the questionnaires. Moreover, the university has utilized the kindergarten attached to it to give continuous support for child development in the community and for volunteer activities. In 2007, the Japanese government chose this effort as its Contemporary Educational Needs Measures Support Program.

### **Suggestion for Improvement**

- The National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE) pointed out in its 2005 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Results that the college needed to remove impediments to handicapped persons in facilities. This has not been realized. In the 2009 evaluation of seismic capacity, the gymnasium and west- and east-wing buildings did not meet safety standards, yet seismic reinforcement has not been done. The college should address these issues, as it is responsible for the lives and safety of students and faculty.