

Results for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Junior College

Kurashiki City College



Basic Information of the Institution	
Ownership: Public	Location: Okayama, Japan
Accreditation Status	
Year of the Review: 2024	
Accreditation Status: accredited (Accreditation Period: April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2032)	

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Overview

Kurashiki City College (hereafter “College”), founded on the philosophy of “fostering well-educated individuals with creative and practical skills and contributing to the development of the local community as a community-based higher educational institution,” sets forth the objective of “cultivating well-educated working persons by teaching and conducting research on technical theories and practical skills in the fields of early childhood education and care and apparel arts.” The College also formulated the Kurashiki City College Medium- to Long-Term Vision to achieve its founding spirit and objective, thereby indicating its commitment to enhancing its curricula and educational and research activities.

Regarding internal quality assurance, in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the last certified evaluation and accreditation results, the College established the Planning and Operation Council in AY2021 as an organization responsible for promoting internal quality assurance, and the College Activities Promotion Committee in AY2023 as a body tasked with conducting self-studies. Under these initiatives the College has set in place a new internal quality assurance system, with the College Activities Promotion Committee compiling the results of self-studies carried out by individual organizations and the Planning and Operation Council giving the organizations instructions for improvement and enhancement based on the compiled results. Going forward, the College is expected to make further improvements by clearly defining the roles of the Planning and Operation Council and the College Activities Promotion Committee in the policies and committee regulations, thereby enhancing the functioning of the internal quality assurance system.

As for education, in accordance with the degree award policy (diploma policy) and curriculum design and implementation policy (curriculum policy), each department and advanced course has organized a sequential and systematic curriculum. The College promotes the use of active learning in class to encourage students’ active participation. As a public junior college established by Kurashiki City, the College engages in various social collaboration and contribution activities, taking advantage of the distinctive features of its departments and advanced courses and regional characteristics. The

Department of Early Childhood Education and Care and the Advanced Course of Early Childhood Education and Care provide child-rearing support models through such activities as the Child-Rearing College (including Parent-Child Interaction Square “Kurarakko”, Kurashiki City College Children's Theater, and “Oyako-Fureai Park,” an interactive play program for parents and children operated by the Physical Education Club in collaboration with Okayama Prefecture and Kurashiki City. The Development of Apparel Arts and the Advanced Course of Apparel Arts have conducted joint research with Kurashiki City and local companies for many years, contributing to the revitalization of local industry. As shown in these initiatives, the College's ongoing efforts to return the fruits of its educational and research activities to the community have produced tangible outcomes, which is highly commendable.

As a challenge lying ahead, the ratios of student enrollment to the student enrollment cap are low in some departments, which requires appropriate quota management.

In accordance with the Kojima District Redevelopment Plan based on the “Kurashiki Future Creation Strategy,” the “Seventh Kurashiki City Comprehensive Plan,” and “Kurashiki City Administrative Reform Plan 2020,” the College is scheduled to relocate to its new campus in AY2028. The College is expected to enhance the internal quality assurance system centered on the Planning and Operation Council, ensure the functioning of the college-wide PDCA cycle to address various issues, and expand its distinctive initiatives to achieve further growth.

Notable Strengths

Social Cooperation and Contribution

- As a community-based junior college, the College engages in various social cooperation and contribution activities, taking advantage of the distinctive features of its departments and advanced courses and regional characteristics. The Child-Rearing College, which is the community-based child-rearing support hub established within the College, provides child-rearing support models through such activities as Parent-Child Interaction Square “Kurarakko,” Kurashiki City College Children's Theater, and “Oyako-Fureai Park,” an interactive play program for parents and children operated by the Physical Education Club. As part of its academic-industrial partnerships, the College has also conducted joint research with

Kurashiki City and local companies for many years to develop new products, contributing to the revitalization of local industry. As shown in these initiatives, the College's ongoing efforts to return the fruits of its educational and research activities to the community have produced tangible outcomes. These are highly commendable initiatives that realize the College's philosophy.