

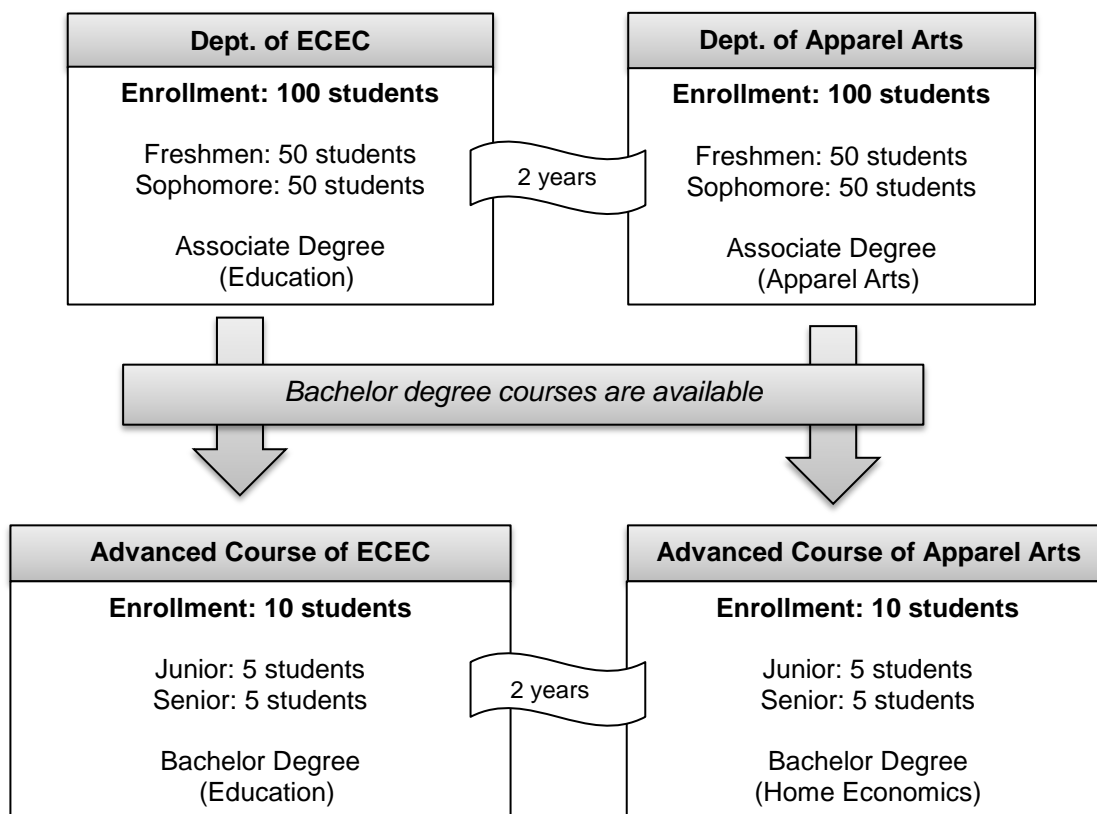
About Us

Kurashiki City College (KCC) is a city-run two-year junior college located in the Kojima area of Kurashiki city. Founded in 1968, it developed out of a technical school for working women seeking a career change into early childhood education, and has turned out many competent nursery school teachers and preschool educators ever since. With the Department of Apparel Arts added in 1994, as well as advanced courses equivalent to undergraduate study established more recently, KCC now enrolls about 260 students from different provinces of the country. The college is relatively small, but fully accredited with a warm atmosphere and high reputation. KCC is locally known as “Kuratan.”

Brief History

- 1968 Kurashiki City Technical School for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) established (night course only)
- 1974 Upgraded to Kurashiki City College (junior college)
- 1994 Dept. of Apparel Arts newly added
- 1995 ECEC night course abolished
- 2003 Advanced course for each department established
- 2008 40th Anniversary of KCC

Structure of KCC



About the Department of Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)

With careful support and individual attention thanks to small classes, students of the department of ECEC acquire a wide range of knowledge and skills required to become a professional nursery school and preschool teacher. Compared to similar programs in other colleges, our program is rich in the fields of child culture and special education in particular. After a successful completion of the 2-year program, students are awarded a Class-2 Preschool Teacher's License and a National Nursery School Teacher's Certificate, as well as an Associate of Arts Degree in Education. KCC graduates work in a number of public and private nursery schools and kindergartens in different provinces throughout the western part of Japan.

The advanced course enrolls only 5 students per year, and awards a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. In a close-knit community atmosphere allowing for more individualized learning, students acquire higher-levels of knowledge and skills in early childhood education and care, and receive a Class-1 Preschool Teacher's License after its successful completion. The program offers a variety of classes on special education and family support, in addition to more advanced learning on theories and practices of early childhood education and care.

About the Department of Apparel Arts

Students of the Department of Apparel Arts, supported carefully and individually in small classes, obtain specialized knowledge and skills needed to be a professional fashion creator. KCC is rich in equipment and facilities of apparel arts, such as apparel CAD, an artificial climate controlled room, a sewing room, a computer graphics laboratory, a visual design laboratory, and a drawing room, all of which enable students to study on design and arts extensively. KCC also provides students with different opportunities of practice and probation in the field, taking an advantage of being in the Kojima area, the birthplace of domestic jeans and renowned for its apparel industry.

The Annual Kuratan Fashion Show, planned and organized all by the students themselves, also furnishes a unique learning opportunity, where theories learned and skills accumulated in the course of the two-year study are all put into practice. After a successful completion of the 2-year program, students obtain an Associate Degree in Apparel Arts. KCC graduates work in apparel companies, graphic design firms, public organizations, and other businesses located either locally or nationally.

The advanced course enrolls 5 students annually, who are taught in a very individualized manner. Through project-type tasks, field-work, and other classes in cooperation with local companies, students gain hands-on experience and higher-level knowledge and skills. A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Home Economics is given to those who successfully complete

the course.

Access to KCC

● From JR Kurashiki Station

Take the Shimoden bus bound for JR Kojima Station via Amagi and Ogawa, get off at Hieda Jujiro bus stop, and walk 5 minutes to KCC.

● From JR Okayama Station, or from the Shikoku area

Get off at JR Kojima Station on the Seto Ohashi line, take the Shimonden bus bound for JR Kurashiki Station via Amagi and Ogawa, get off at Hieda Jujiro bus stop, and walk 5 minutes to KCC. Or, it takes about 7 minutes by taxi from JR Kojima Station.

Map of Kojima Area of Kurashiki city

Kurashiki City College



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