

Asia Education Leader (AEL) Course Winter 2027

- Application Guide -

** Please refer to AELC website for a general introduction to the course, forms and latest information*

<https://www.sed.tohoku.ac.jp/ireo/aelc/>



1. Aim

The AEL Course aims to nurture internationally-minded educational professionals who address educational challenges in contemporary Asia. Specifically, it nurtures (1) Educational researchers capable of undertaking comparative analysis of educational issues in Asia; (2) Educational practitioners capable of engaging with researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders; and (3) Educational administrators with the knowledge and skills required to collaborate with partners across the region.

2. Partner institutes

The AEL Course has been established by consensus among seven partner institutes of six universities in Asia which in turn host the summer and winter courses. The seven partner institutes are as follows.

- Graduate School of Education, Tohoku University (TU), Sendai
- College of Education, National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taipei
- School of Education Science, Nanjing Normal University (NNU), Nanjing
- School of Psychology, Nanjing Normal University (NNU), Nanjing
- Department of Education, Korea University (KU), Seoul
- College of Education, National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU), Taipei
- Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University (CU), Bangkok

3. Curriculum and schedule 2026-2027

The AEL Course is held every summer and winter break for about 10 days. Three subjects are offered, one for each strand of the KAS-P (knowledge, attitude, skills and practice) curriculum. Please refer to AEL Course Brochure 2026-2027 for curriculum details.

<i>AEL Summer/Winter course¹</i>	<i>Host University</i>
Winter 2026 (Feb 2 - Feb 11, 2026)	NCCU & NTNU (held in Sendai)
Summer 2026 (Aug 10 - Aug 19, 2026)	CU & TU (held in Bangkok)
Winter 2027 (Feb 5 - Feb 14, 2027)	TU (held in Sendai)
Summer 2027 (Aug, 2027)	KU (Seoul)

¹ Schedules for future AEL Courses will be announced on the website as they are determined.

4. Winter Course 2027 hosted by Tohoku University in Sendai (24th AEL Course)

Course Schedule (on site):

Three subjects:

(K-P) Teacher Education: Theory and Practice, Dr. Xuedi PI, Tohoku University

(Feb 5-7, 2027)

(S-P) Education and Sustainability for the Futures of Asia in post-2030, Dr. Jing LIU, Tohoku University

(Feb 8-10, 2027)

(A-P) Comparative Education, Conflict and Peace, Dr. Kevin KESTER, Seoul National University

(Feb 12-14, 2027)

5. Enrolment capacity and qualification for application

The host university offers a student quota of **TEN (maximum) to each partner university (twenty in total for Nanjing Normal University).** Applications will be screened by individual universities. **Only those recommended by AELC member universities can apply.**

Applicants should:

- (1) Be regularly enrolled graduate or undergraduates students of the partner universities and
- (2) Be capable of participating in classes conducted in English (TOEFL/PBT score of 500 or above, CET score of 425 or above, or equivalent).

6. How to apply

- 1) Receive approval from an AELC professor or administrator at your school.
- 2) Access the application form via QR code or URL below.
- 3) Fill out the required information and apply.

Application form URL

Application form QR code

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/icYPt7YncD>



7. Application period

Thursday, October 1, 2026 – Friday, October 30, 2026

The application deadline for each institute may vary. For the exact deadline at your institute, please contact the AELC office at your home institute (contact information at the end of the document).

8. Registration for AEL Course

New students enrolled in the 2027 Winter Course will be registered as AEL Course students.

9. Credit requirements for AEL Course Joint Certificate of Completion

Upon successful application, a Joint Certificate of Completion will be issued to students who have earned at least 12 AEL credits, of which (1) six credits are not from the home university and (2) at least two credits each are from the K-P, A-P and S-P subjects respectively.

10. Tuition, fees and insurance

Registration and tuition fees are exempted.

11. Contact

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