

Asia Education Leader (AEL) Course Winter 2026

- Application Guide -

** Please refer to AEL Course Brochure 2024-2025 for a general introduction to the course. For forms and latest information, please visit the course website at <https://www.sed.tohoku.ac.jp/ireo/aelc/>*



1. Aim

The AEL Course aims to nurture internationally-minded educational professionals who can address educational challenges in contemporary East Asia. Specifically, it nurtures (1) Educational researchers capable of undertaking comparative analysis of educational issues in East 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 East 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 2024-2025 for curriculum details.

<i>AEL summer/winter course¹</i>		<i>Host University</i>
Winter 2026	(Feb 2, 2026 - Feb 11, 2026)	NCCU & NTNU (held in Sendai)
Summer 2026	(Aug 2026)	NNU (Nanjing)
Winter 2027	(Jan or Feb 2027)	CU & TU (held in Bangkok)
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 2026 hosted by National Taiwan Normal University and National Chengchi University in Sendai (22nd AEL Course)

Course Schedule (on site):

Three subjects:

(K-P) Inclusive Education

(February 2-4, 2026)

(A-P) Essentials of Leadership and Group Dynamics

(February 5-7, 2026)

(S-P) Individual Action in Global Social Change: Global Citizenship Awareness and Youth Solidarity

(February 9-11, 2026)

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 may 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

<https://forms.office.com/r/qBPUmX7b3i>

Application form QR code



7. Application period

October 4 - November 12, 2025

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 2026 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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