

INTENSIVE SEMINAR APPLICATION GUIDELINES (PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS)

AIMS

Participants will:

- develop language skills and gain confidence in using Japanese by working in an immersion environment.
- explore teaching ideas and strategies which they can then apply to their own classrooms in line with the Australian Curriculum.
- create new networks.
- learn from current teachers, and about available resources.

DATES

September 29-October 2, 2025 (Monday – Thursday)

VENUE

The Japan Foundation, Sydney (JPF Sydney)
(Level 4, Central Park Mall, 28 Broadway, Chippendale, NSW, 2008)

REQUIRED PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

Minimum of 10 applications as of July 14, 2025 (Deadline for application submission)

Minimum of 10 participants as of August 8, 2025 (Successful applicants to confirm their places)

Maximum of 24 participants

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- be currently studying in the final year of their teaching course in university towards being a **junior secondary** level Japanese teacher in Australia, or have graduated from a teaching course on a **junior secondary** level in Australia within the past two years and be actively seeking teaching work.
- not be a native or near-native Japanese speaker.
- be able to read Hiragana and Katakana without any difficulty.
- be at least JLPT N5 level of Japanese language proficiency.
JLPT sample site here: <http://www.jlpt.jp/e/samples/forlearners.html>.
- be able to attend each day in full.

Note: JPF Sydney will not guarantee that the level is suited to pre-service teachers as the main target is currently-practicing teachers.

COURSE CONTENT

Seminars include the following sessions:

- Language focus
- Teaching ideas
- Culture workshops
- Introduction to JPF resources
- Resource / Idea sharing
- Networking
- ICT

PRESENTERS

Sessions will be run by the language consultants from JPF Sydney.

TIMELINE

- **June 2, 2025:** Applications open
- **July 14, 2025:** Deadline for application submission
If there are less than 10 applications, the seminar will be cancelled
- **August 1, 2025:** Application outcome notification
- **August 8, 2025:** Successful applicants to confirm their places
If there are less than 10 participants, the seminar will be cancelled
- **September 8, 2025:** Deadline for Pre-task submissions

COSTS

- **Seminar Fees**
No participation fees for this seminar.
- **Travel + Accommodation**
All travel costs (e.g., flights, accommodation and transport) will be the responsibility of the participants.
- **Meals**
 - JPF Sydney will provide welcome drinks on the first night and morning refreshments each day.
 - All other meals will be the responsibility of the participants.

HOW TO APPLY

Please follow the below steps to apply online:

1. Print out FORM 1 (Handwritten Task) → Fill out by hand → Scan → Save as PDF
2. Download FORM 2 (Self-evaluation lists) → Fill out (typing is allowed) → Save as Word format
3. Upload FORM 1 & 2 in the online application form and fill out the remaining details in the link below:
<https://sydney.jpf.go.jp/language/for-teachers/professional-development/intensive-seminar/>
4. Submit **by July 14, 2025** (Application deadline)

Note:

The application will only be accepted when both FORM 1 & 2 are uploaded.
Automated confirmation email will be sent right after submission. If you have not received this, please contact us.

TIMETABLE

Intensive Seminar 2025 SEP

	September 29 (Mon)	September 30 (Tue)		October 1 (Wed)	October 2 (Thu)	
9:30	9:30-10:30 Orientation Icebreaking activities	9:30-11:00 ③ Activities for the Australian Curriculum		9:30-10:30 ⑦ Natural Japanese in Context	9:30-10:30 ⑩ <i>Furoshiki</i>	9:30-10:30 ⑪ PowerPoint workshop
9:45						
10:00						
10:15						
10:30	10:30-11:00 Refreshment			10:30-11:00 Refreshment	10:30-11:00 Refreshment	
10:45						
11:00	11:00-11:40 Goal setting + Spot test	11:00-11:30 Refreshment		11:00-12:30 ⑧ Talk in Japanese! (preparation)	11:00-12:00 Culture focus ⑫ What's New in Japan	
11:15						
11:30						
11:45	11:40-12:00 Library orientation	11:30-12:50 ④ Topic based Language Focus	11:30-12:50 ⑤ Topic based Language Focus		12:00-12:40 Self reflection, Evaluation, Ceremony	
12:00	12:00-13:00 Lunch					
12:15						
12:30	12:50-13:50 Lunch			12:30-13:30 Lunch		
12:45						
13:00	13:00-14:30 ① Classroom Japanese			13:30-15:00 ⑧ Talk in Japanese!		
13:15						
13:30						
13:45						
14:00	14:30-14:50 Break time	13:50-15:10 ⑤ Topic based Language Focus	13:50-15:10 ④ Topic based Language Focus		14:00-15:00 Kinokuniya Tour (Optional)	
14:15						
14:30	14:50-16:50 ② Teaching idea and resource sharing	15:10-15:40 Break time		15:00-15:30 Break time		
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15:30	15:40-17:10 ⑥ JPF resources			15:30-17:00 ⑨ <i>Shodo</i>		
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16:30	17:00-19:00 Welcome drinks					
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17:30	18:00-20:00 Tadoku (Optional)					
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Note: Participants must be able to attend each day **in FULL** and will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the seminar.

CONTENT BREAKDOWNS

		コンテンツ Contents	タイトル Session Title	ないよう Content
月曜日 Monday	①	Language focus	教室の日本語 Classroom Japanese	Develop confidence in communicating with students and discuss strategies for promoting the use of Japanese in the classroom.
	②	Resource / idea sharing	リソースシェアリング Teaching idea and resource sharing	Share your classroom ideas and resources.
火曜日 Tuesday	③	Teaching ideas	オーストラリアンカリキュラムの アクティビティー Activities for the Australian Curriculum	Explore activities for the Australian Curriculum on the theme of sustainability.
	④	Topic based Language focus	TBC	TBC
	⑤	Topic based Language focus	いろ	Colours carry deep cultural meanings that often go unnoticed. Explore the connections between colour and culture, and discover classroom activities based on the theme of colour.
	⑥	Introducing JPF resources	JPFリソースしょうかい JPF resources	Explore JPF's teaching and learning resources and develop ideas to use them in your classroom.
水曜日 Wednesday	⑦	Language focus	しぜんな日本語 Natural Japanese in Context	It's not just about grammar! Revisit your Japanese to enhance natural expression.
	⑧	Language focus	にほんごではなそう！ Talk in Japanese! (preparation) Talk in Japanese!	Work in groups to prepare the interview/discussion session in Japanese in the morning and participate in group interviews/discussion session in the afternoon. Enjoy talking with Japanese guests.
	⑨	Culture workshop	しょうどう Japanese Calligraphy	Get ready to create your own calligraphic work of art! Experience a hands-on lesson in Japanese calligraphy and acquire tips and advice on how best to incorporate this practice into your own classroom.
木曜日 Thursday	⑩	Culture workshop	ふろしき Japanese wrapping cloth	Engage with language and culture through activities using furoshiki.
	⑪	ICT workshop	パワーポイントワークショップ PowerPoint for Teachers	Gain experience at using Microsoft PPT animations to make teaching resources interesting, interactive and engaging. The session suited to beginner users.
	⑫	Culture focus	日本のトレンド What's New in Japan?	Learn about new trends in Japan and considering how they can be incorporated into classroom activities.

ENQUIRIES

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