

*Kyoto Koka  
Women's University*



## Introduction

The late Lady Abbess Satoko Otani of Higashi Hongan-ji Temple vowed in 1939 to promote women's education with a philosophy based on Shin Buddhist precepts. Material and spiritual support was extended by Higashi Hongan-ji Temple and other people concerned, and as a result of their efforts, Koka Joshi Gakuen (Koka Women's Educational Institution) was founded in 1940.

The Institution has since developed to form a comprehensive educational institution which offers humanistic teaching at every level from kindergarten through to university and graduate school, and now has approximately 3,000 students enrolled. To date, about 65,000 students have studied at Koka, developing their talents and playing active roles in various fields in society.

## History

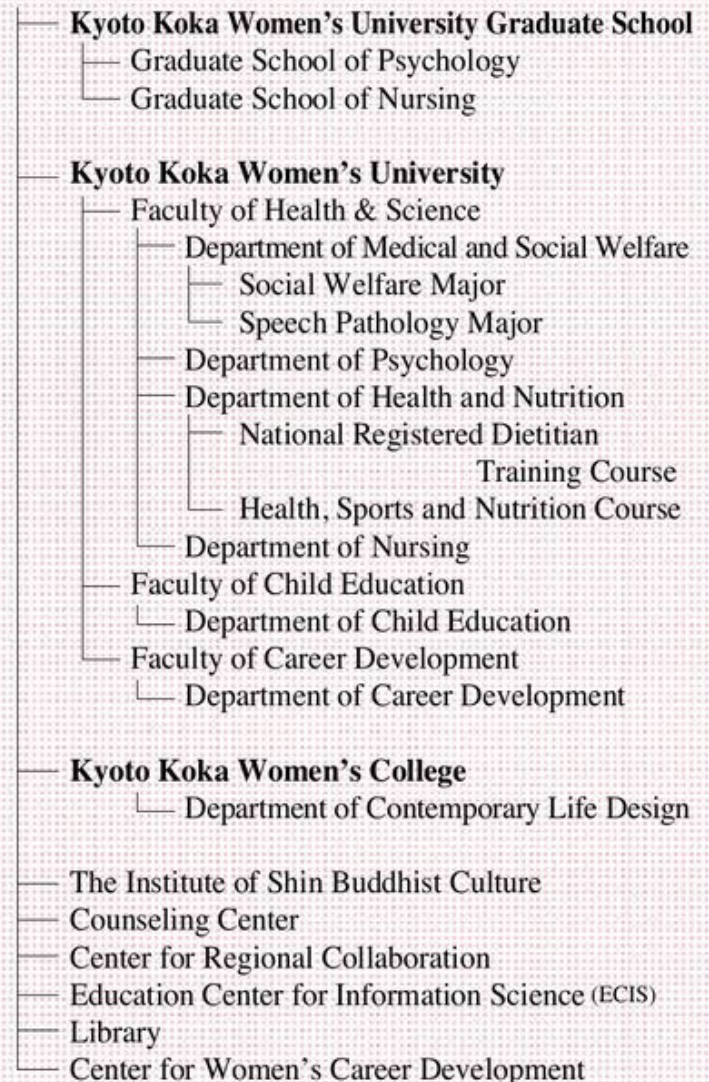
- 1939 Foundation for Koka Joshi Gakuen (Koka Women's Educational Institution) established
- 1940 Koka Koto Jogakko (Koka Girls' High School) established
- 1944 Koka Joshi Senmongakko (Koka Women's Vocational School) established
- 1950 Koka Joshi Senmongakko upgraded to Koka Women's Junior College
- 1951 Approval gained for the establishment of Koka Joshi Gakuen (Koka Women's Educational Institution) established
- 1964 Koka Women's University established
- 1991 The Institute of Shin Buddhist Culture and Education Center for Information Science opened
- 1998 Koka Women's University Graduate School established
- 2001 Koka Women's University Graduate School, Koka Women's University and Koka Women's Junior College changed their names to Kyoto Koka Women's University Graduate School, Kyoto Koka Women's University and Kyoto Koka Women's College
- 2004 Kyoto Koka Women's University Counseling Center opened
- 2015 Reorganization of faculties and departments: Graduate School (two graduate programs) and University (four faculties and seven departments)
- 2016 Center for Women's Career Development established

## Founding Principles

Koka Women's Educational Institution is a school under the Otani sect of Shin Buddhism. It has an educational philosophy based on Buddhist teaching, in particular on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism founded by Shinran Shonin, with its humanistic teaching and character development based on the awareness that people are alive because of the power of compassion. Since its foundation, the Institution has strived to provide high quality education under the mottoes, "A bright future for each student" and "Spirit of Sincerity ("A merciful heart is synonymous with compassion"). The idea of "kunju" is also important. "Kunju" expresses the process whereby the scent of burning incense gradually permeates into the surrounding objects. It is hoped that the religious spirit and education that are important for character development will sink in and become part of the nature of our students through learning at Koka, in the same way as the fragrance of incense permeates its surroundings.

## Organization

### Koka Women's Educational Institution



# Kyoto Koka Women's University

## Faculty of Health & Science



### Department of Medical and Social Welfare / Social Welfare Major

Students acquire a wide range of knowledge and skills necessary for assisting individuals and their families as well as gaining an understanding of how social welfare policy can help enrich people's lives in their communities. Students gain practical skills through long-term practical training at medical and welfare facilities, and on-campus practical training sessions with an aim to becoming social welfare specialists (social workers and psychiatric social workers).

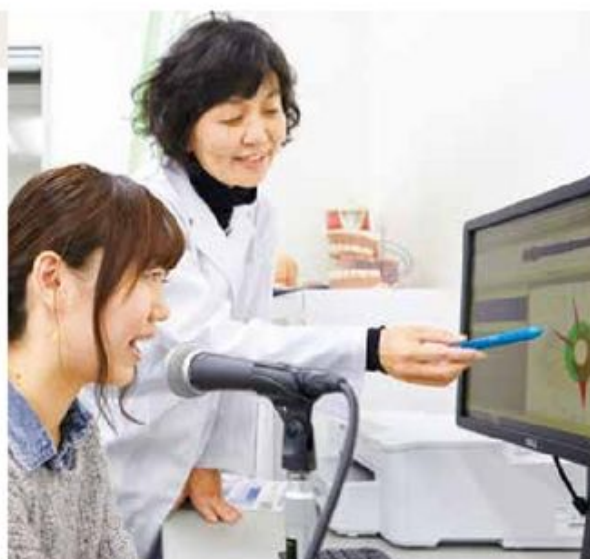


## Faculty of Health & Science



### Department of Medical and Social Welfare / Speech Pathology Major

Speech pathologists assess the degree of disability, and then plan and implement rehabilitation programs for people with difficulties in communication, or with dysphagia. Speech pathologists can be described as specialists in the fields of speaking, listening and eating. Students in this program aim to become speech pathologists who play active roles mainly in the medical field, and also in the welfare and educational fields.



## Faculty of Health & Science



### Department of Psychology

Students gain knowledge and skills not only in the field of psychology, but also in interpersonal and communication skills. This program prepares students to become specialists in psychology who serve key roles in medical and welfare fields, and also proactively involve themselves in and contribute to local communities.



## Faculty of Health & Science



### Department of Health and Nutrition / National Registered Dietitian Training Course

This program is certified as a registered dietitian training program by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. In addition to acquiring the required knowledge to be a registered dietitian, students engage in on-site training in medical and welfare facilities to learn practical nutrition with a goal of becoming specialists in nutritional management.



## Faculty of Health & Science



### Department of Health and Nutrition / Health, Sports and Nutrition Course

Students aim to acquire qualifications as dietitians and other qualifications which are useful in the areas of sports science, the health maintenance nutrition, and health promotion. This program prepares students to become specialists to work on finding solutions to health problems from perspectives of nutrition and diet, and exercise (sports).



## Faculty of Health & Science



### Department of Nursing

The Department's founding philosophy is based on the teachings of Buddhism, and thus the Department emphasizes the importance of treating each patient with compassion. Students develop the necessary mindset to serve in the field of nursing, and they aim to become nurses, public health nurses, midwives, and school nurses (Class 1) who are equipped with advanced modern medical and nursing skills and knowledge, as well as all-around competence.



## Faculty of Child Education



### Department of Child Education

Students study with a goal of becoming teachers in primary schools, kindergartens and/or nurseries who will engage in educational activities with understanding and compassion for children and their parents and guardians based on the teachings of Buddhism. Two programs are available – the School Education Program and the Early Childhood Education Program. Both programs offer opportunities for students to obtain various licenses and qualifications as well as to gain practical and applied skills to respond to changing needs at schools. Students will also acquire research capabilities necessary for continuous skill development as teachers.



## Faculty of Career Development



### Department of Career Development

This program offers subjects on the empowerment of women in addition to liberal arts subjects. It also applies a PBL (Problem-Based Learning, and also Project-Based Learning) model, and provides opportunities for students to participate in projects linked to local communities and corporations, as well as internship programs. The program aims to foster students to become individuals equipped with the skills required as productive members of society, such as the ability to generate ideas and implement them, and communication skills, as well as the knowledge and skills necessary to make contribution to society. Future career possibilities for students in this program are categorized into three areas - business, hospitality and social fields. The program offers a wide variety of subjects including studies related to the tourism, wedding, fashion and apparel, food distribution and interior design industries. Students develop and grow as individuals who can serve key roles in various occupations by learning basic knowledge and expertise focusing on the economics and management of each industry.



## Kyoto Koka Women's College



### Department of Contemporary Life Design

This program is a two-stage curriculum which consists of compulsory subjects and optional subjects that students choose from eight specialized fields. Through the compulsory subjects, students gain the skills required of productive members of society, forming standard life-design skills to build the foundation of their futures. Through optional subjects, students learn professional skills for life-design that prepare for seeking employment. Through practical programs such as making presentations on solutions for issues presented by companies, and planning and implementing mock wedding receptions, students gain business skills, manners and communication skills that prepare them to become capable professionals.



# Kyoto Koka Women's University Graduate School

## Graduate School of Nursing Science

### Nursing Course (Master's Program)



The program trains highly skilled nurses, educators and researchers who will contribute to advancing the practical science of nursing through research on nursing practices. This graduate school is open not only to students who have recently graduated from universities but also offers further education for mid-career nurses. The school aims to develop the following: nurses who think and act with a flexible mindset while adopting an interdisciplinary approach in a global and diversified society; nursing practitioners equipped with a high level of expertise, skills and adequate research skills as well as ability to make appropriate judgment; and nurses who can play management roles in team medical services and community cooperative care services.

## Graduate School of Psychology (Master's Course)

### Clinical Psychology Course



[Designated graduate school for fostering licensed Clinical Psychologists (Class 1)]

This program aims to train students to develop the ability to think for themselves as specialists in the field of psychology, with practical skills to respond appropriately to psychological problems in a variety of contexts. The variety of classes on offer allows students access to different faculty members, in order to broaden the students' perspectives, and raise their awareness of various issues. The program provides a well-organized practical training system in cooperation with the school's Counseling Center, as well as outside institutions. A Master's degree in psychology is granted to students who have been enrolled in the program for at least two years, and who have successfully earned designated credits, completed a research thesis and passed final exams.

## Research Institutes and Other Facilities

### The Institute of Shin Buddhist Culture

: In pursuit of the ideal way of true humanistic teaching

Koka Women's Educational Institution strives to provide excellent education that enables students to grow as sincere and compassionate individuals based on the teachings of Shin Buddhism founded by Shinran Shonin under the motto of "Spirit of Sincerity" ("A merciful heart is synonymous with compassion").

The Institute of Shin Buddhist Culture was established in 1991 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Institution's foundation. It serves the role of defining how Shin Buddhism is relevant and applicable to contemporary society, with the pursuit of ideal religious education as its aim. It is open to the general public as well as people inside the school, and many people attend the public lectures held twice a year in spring and autumn.

Other events include scripture reading groups held twice a month and pilgrimages to visit historic sites related to Buddhism in particular Shin Buddhism. The Institute publishes "Merciful Heart," "Shin Buddhist Culture", "Koka Library" and "Koka Book Selection."

### Counseling Center

Kyoto Koka Women's University Counseling Center was established as a facility attached to the Graduate School of Psychology which fosters students to become clinical psychologists. The staff members of the Counseling Center are certified clinical psychologists, and they give advice to students on various psychological topics such as: concerns relating to child development, education, child-rearing and families; distress related to interpersonal relations and personality; and anxiety in life and the problems of living. Graduate School students undertake training in psychological consultation at the Center under the supervision of the university's full-time lecturers who are certified clinical psychologists.

### Education Center for Information Science (ECIS)

: Hub for an advanced ICT educational environment



ECIS serves two main objectives. One is to provide the state-of-the-art ICT environment necessary for promoting information-related education for students to improve their ICT skills. The other is to conduct research and development of ICT utilization for the further realization of advanced and efficient education.

All buildings on campus are now connected to an optical fiber high-speed network. Internet connection lines are integrated and backed up through the Science Information Network and a private telecommunications network to ensure security. This high-speed integrated "redundant" system provides a safe and easy-to-use environment for the distribution of educational contents that contain videos and other heavy data, and also for various types of use such as remote lectures, on-line video content and e-learning programs. There are five information system learning rooms which are used for ICT practical sessions. There is also a designated open space containing about 230 computers with a unified software environment which students can use at their own convenience. Classes for students preparing for Microsoft Office Specialist tests are also conducted on campus to respond to students' needs.

ECIS operates a portal site known as Koka navi to support students with ICT for collecting and utilizing information. It can be accessed not only from inside the campus but also from outside via Internet access. Koka navi offers a large amount of content which has been enhanced through research and the development of ECIS. We will continue to improve ECIS to further support and enrich the education of students.

### Center for Regional Collaboration

The Center was established with the aims of enhancing the mutual co-existence of the school and community; realizing a lively and environmentally friendly campus; and promoting industry, academic and government collaboration.

In recent years, universities have been expected to play a central role in their local communities, though contributing to regional rehabilitation and revitalization by carrying out education, research and human resource development for solving regional issues in cooperation with the local community. At Koka, the Center for Regional Collaboration takes the lead in promoting contributions to local communities such as Kyoto City and Ukyo Ward by facilitating various initiatives in medical and welfare fields and also supporting children's study, revitalization of shopping districts, lifelong learning systems, and environmental activities.

### Library



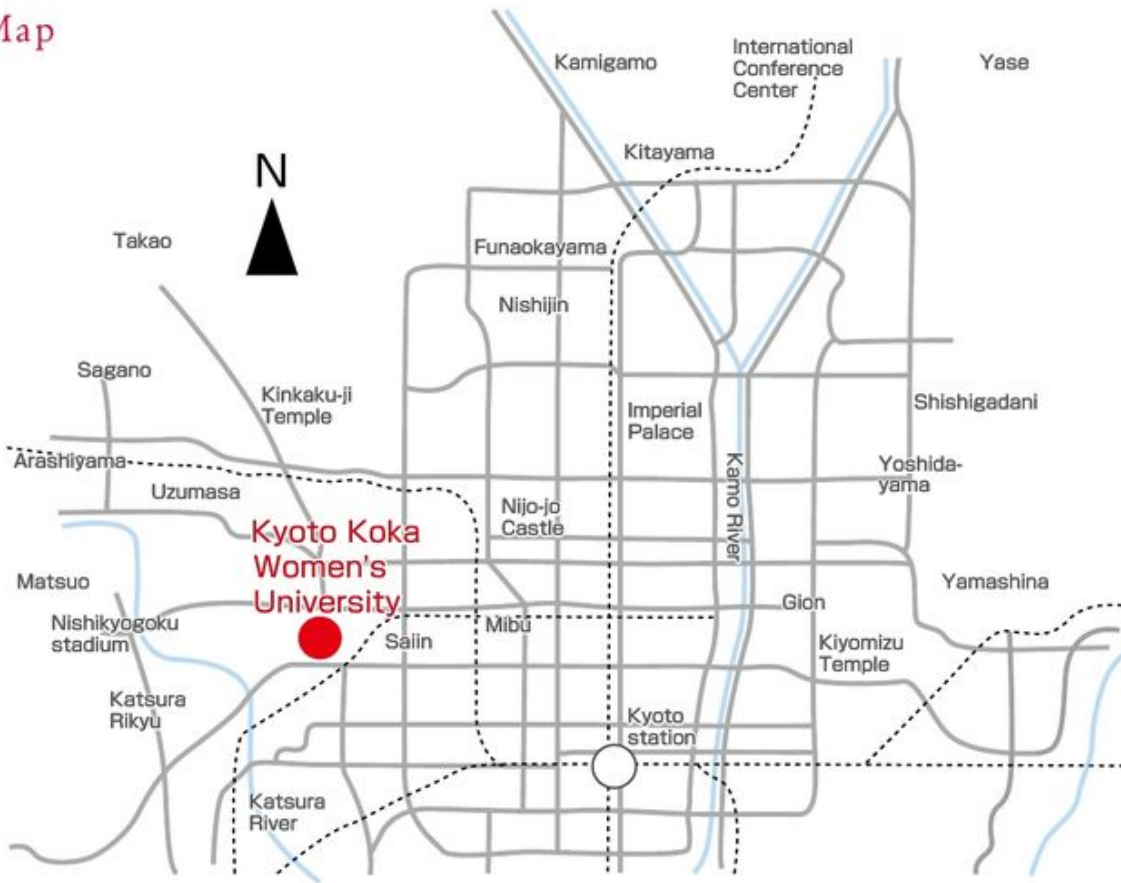
The library is located at the center of the campus and is utilized as a place for study mainly by university students. It houses about 252,000 books ranging from literature to monographs, and also has magazines and audiovisual materials such as DVDs. Computers are provided liberally so that students can search for library books and study using Internet. A dedicated computer area serves as the venue to support information literacy education every year. The library also has audio-visual rooms and reading rooms for groups. Students can access the library and use the lending service with their student ID card (an IC card). The library also offers lending services to graduates and adult members of the community, so it is utilized by the parents and guardians of students from kindergarten through university.

### Center for Women's Career Development

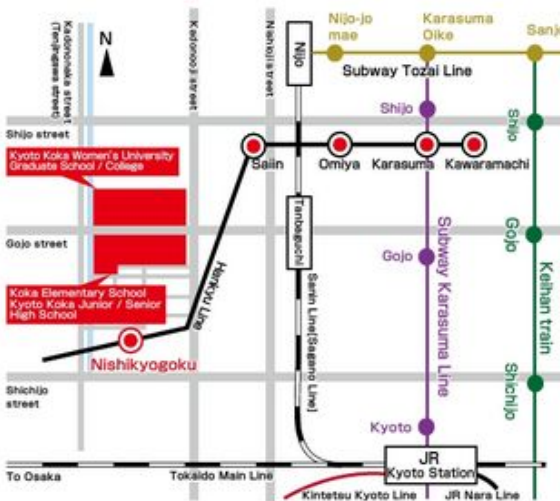
Koka Women's Educational Institution has offered women's education based on an understanding of Buddhist teachings since the foundation of Koka Girls' High School in 1940. The social environment surrounding women in Japan and abroad has changed dramatically since then, and the realization of a society in which women play an active role is positioned as an important factor in the future growth of Japanese society.

In celebrating the 75th anniversary of its foundation, the Institution reaffirms the significance of women's education and commits to foster competent women who assume key roles in realizing a society where women can shine. We also actively support the redevelopment of the careers of graduates, and women who are at a mid-stage in their career. The Center for Women's Career Development was established in 2016 with the aspiration for Koka, as a women's educational institution, to contribute to the growth and development of Japan.

## Area Map



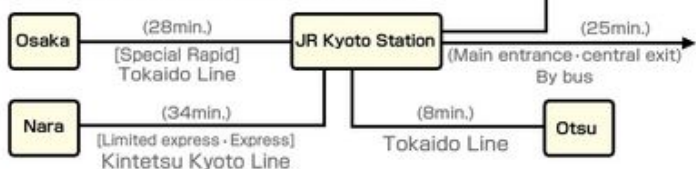
## Access Map



7 minutes on foot north of Nishikyogoku Station on Hankyu Kyoto Line



Approx. 25 minutes by bus from JR Kyoto Station. Get off at the "Koka Jishi Gakuen Mae" stop.



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