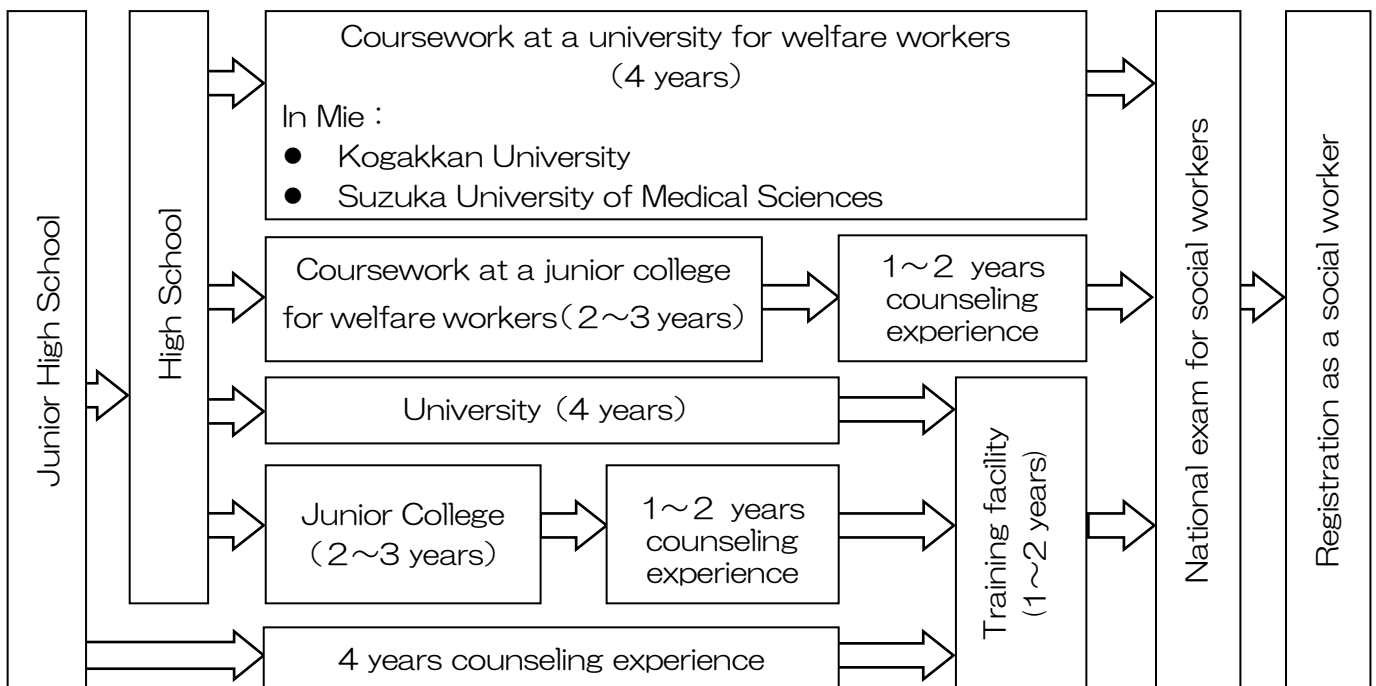


# 13 Social Worker



Social workers are specialists that provide support and advice for the elderly, the disabled, individuals with illnesses, and their families. Also commonly called “counselors,” social workers work not only in welfare and health care facilities, but also in government, law, and education. This profession will become more and more important as Japan’s population continues to age. The number of non-Japanese who require the services that social workers provide will also increase, making non-Japanese social workers an important resource for non-Japanese residents who share their native language.

## Becoming a social worker:



※ “Training facilities” include vocational schools, etc. There are no training facilities in Mie. However, there are facilities in Nagoya that offer day classes, night classes and correspondence courses.

## Prepare now:

There is a lot of technical language used in welfare and health care facilities, so it is crucial that you work to improve your Japanese and native language skills. The quickest path to becoming a social worker is passing the national exam after completing the required coursework at a university for welfare workers.

## Job prospects:

Social workers can find employment at special nursing homes or nursing insurance offices that provide day services for seniors. You can also work at institutions that provide services for children or the disabled, or at a medical institution as a counselor. Social workers earn about 5 million yen per year on average.

## Tuition:

Tuition at a public university can cost upwards of 2.4 million yen over 4 years. Tuition at a private university can cost upwards of 4 million yen over 4 years. Tuition at a training facility can cost upwards of 1 million yen over 1 or two years.