

~ For students and parents with foreign roots ~

Informative Seminar of School System in Japan

**(Senior High School, University and
Professional Training College)
and Job in Japan**

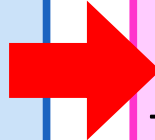
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GOAL OF TODAY'S SEMINAR

YOUR PRESENT SITUATION---

- What kind of schools and universities are available in Japan?
- How can I select school and university ?
- How much will it cost?
- How high should my Japanese ability be?



AFTER THE SEMINAR---

- Got information of schools!
- Got information of how to enter schools!
- Got information of educational cost!
- Got information of how much study of Japanese language is needed!

PART 1

System of senior high school

- 1 What kind of senior high schools are in Japan?**
- 2 What is the procedure to enter senior high school?**
- 3 How much is educational cost?**
- 4 How high should your Japanese language level be?**

What is Compulsory Education ?

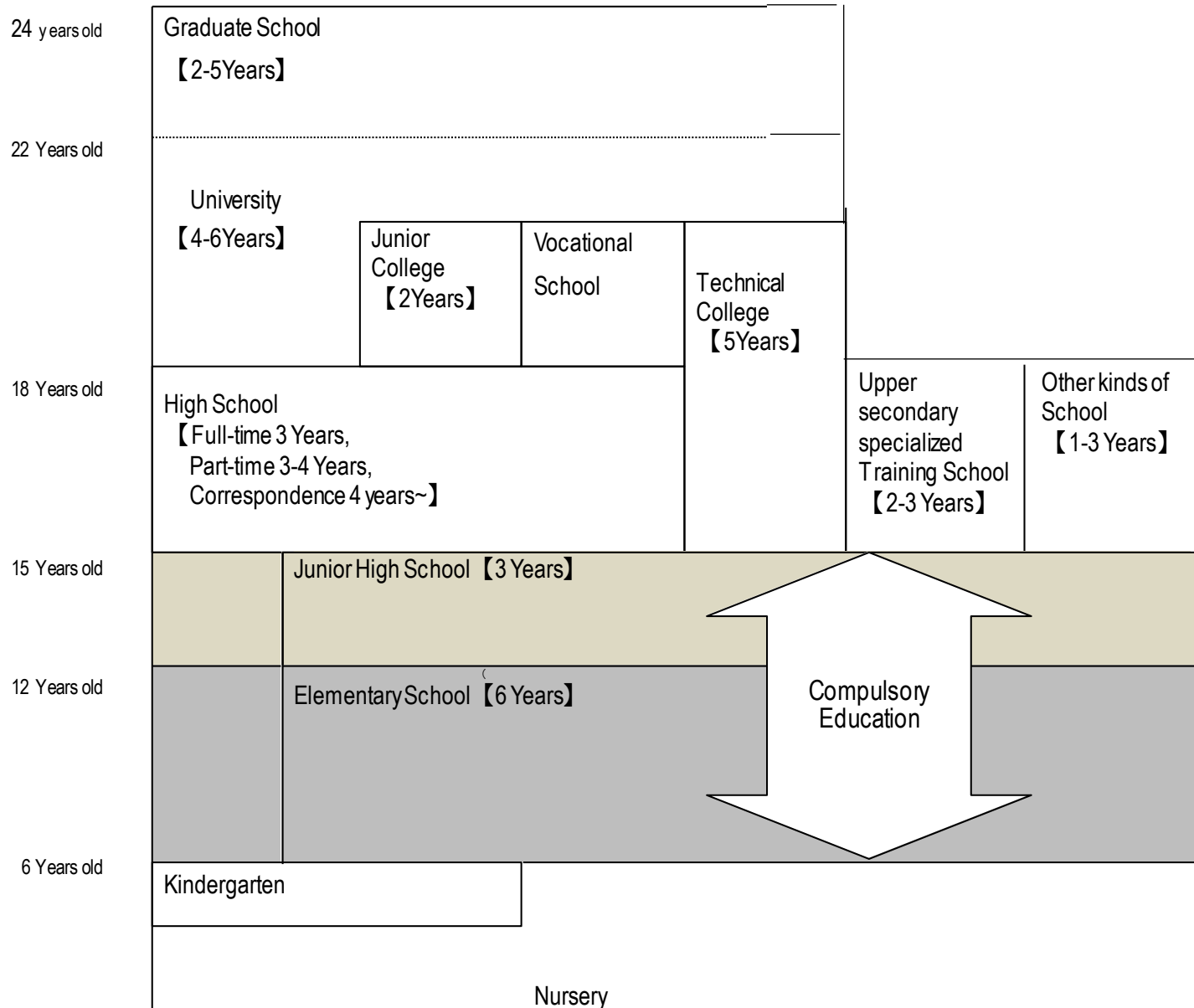
- The education that parents has duty to have their child receive.
- The number of education year is different among countries.
- In Japan, 6years of elementary school , 3 years of junior high school and the total 9 years.
- Senior high school is not compulsory education.
To enter or not to enter is decided by you.
- In Japan, 99% of junior high school students entered senior high school.

School System of Each Country (Compulsory Education)

: Compulsory education

Country	Education System			Flunk	School Year	School Hours
Japan	Elementary school 6 years	Junior high school 3 years	High school 3 years	Not Exist	April ~ March	Full-time tuition
Brazil	Elementary school 9 years		High school 3 years	Exist	February ~ December	Half-day class system
Peru	Elementary school 6 years	Junior high school 5 years		Exist	April ~ March	Half-day class system
Philippines	Elementary school 6 years	Junior high/ High school 6 years		Exist	June ~ March	Half-day class system
Vietnam	Elementary school 5 years	Junior high school 4 years	High school 3 years	Exist	September ~ May	Half-day class system
China	Elementary school 6 years	Junior high school 3 years	High school 3 years	Exist	September ~ July	Full-time tuition
Korea	Elementary school 6 years	Junior high school 3 years	High school 3 years	Exist	March ~ February	Full-time tuition

The Japanese School System



What is senior high school (Koukou)?

- 1) Graduate of junior high school is eligible to enter senior high school or graduate of 9th school grade in any country is eligible.**
- 2) Need to receive entrance exam.**
- 3) In senior high school, more professional study is provided.**
- 4) In some senior high schools, students can go for work after school.**
- 5) Educational fee is needed to pay.**
- 6) In some failure cases, student cannot go upper grade or cannot graduate.**
- 7) Graduate of senior high school is eligible to enter University or Professional Training College.**

Clasification of Senior High school ①

~ Time zone of study ~

- **Full Time**Lessons are during daytime (morning to earaly evening). Usually 3 years for graduation.
- **Part Time**..... 3 parts(morning, afternoon, night). Usually 3-4 years for graduation.
- **Correspondence Course**.... Not going to school everyday, but submit reports. At the earliest, 3 years for graduation or more in some cases.

Clasification of Senior High School②

～Content of Study～

- **General Kokugo, English, Mathematics, Science , Social, etc. Advanced study from junior high school study.**
- **Commercial... Accounting, Logistics, Information, Business, etc.**
- **Industrial... Mechanics, Electronics, Construction, Civil Engineering, etc.**
- **Agriculture.....Farm Products, Farm Animals, Foods, Gardening, etc**

Others ... variety of study courses.

Classification of Senior High school ③

~ Public school and private school ~

- **Public Prefectural, Municipal, e.t.c.**
Full-time, part-time, correspondence courses. Many kinds of courses are available.
School fee is less expensive than private.
- **PrivatePrivate person founded. Most of private school are full-time type(some are corresponding course). Many courses are general courses. School management is more flexible than public, and focusing on aiming for university or on sports. School fee is more expensive than public.**

Procedure to enter senior high school

Application

(Submitting application documents and Exam fee)



Entrance exam (National language, math, English, science, social, short essay, interview,etc)



Announcement of test result



Enrollment (Enrollment payment)

✕The schedule of application and entrance exam is different between public and private.

Application

〈Public〉

- 2 times...1st exam(ZENKI) and 2nd exam(KOUKI) (1 time for part-time school).
Additional exam for some schools.
- Application is limited for one school with one course.
- Exam fee for 1 time: 2,200 yen for Full-time, 950 yen for Part- time and Flex schools.Free for correnspondence schools.

〈Private〉

- Scholarship, reccomendation, general.
- Application admitted for 2 shools or more.
- Entrance exam fee : about 15,000 yen

Cautions for foreign students(1)

● Eligibility for taking entrance exam:

The eligibility needed for foreign students who have no graduation certificate of Japanese Junior High School

(1) 9 years educational career in your country is needed.

⇒ The certificate of completion and the certificate of academic performance are needed for application of taking entrance exam (together with Japanese translation).

(2) Or, passing the national test of junior high school graduation certificate in Japan is needed.

⇒ The test is held once a year (October).

Kokugo, English, Math, Science and Social study.

Cautions for foreign students(2)

● **For foreign students with less than 3 years (total) stay in Japan as of February 1, 2022:**

The following treatment is provided by submitting the special application to the Japanese senior high school.

(1) 1st Exam (February)--- The academic performance in your country is taken into consideration of pass judgement.

(2) 2nd Exam (March)--- The number of subject for the exam is reduced from 5 to 3 (Kokugo, English, Math) and short essay (SAKUBUN).

Contents of Entrance Exam

〈Public〉

- 1st exam (February).....Written exam (3 subjects) , interview, etc..
- 2nd exam (March).....Written exam (5 subjects) , some schools have interview.
- Part-time (March)..Composition, interview (or written exam)

“3 subjects” --- Kokugo, Math, English

“5 subjects” --- Kokugo, Math, English, Science, Social Study

The foreign students with less than 3 years stay in Japan can take special treatment of reducing subject number from 5 to 3 in the 2nd Exam.

Contents of Entrance Exam

〈Private〉

- Special exam (January)....Written exam, interview
(exclusive acceptance, multiple acceptance)
- Recommendation(January)..Written exam, interview (only
exclusiveacceptance)
- General (Janua ~ February)..Written exam, interview
(exclusive acceptance, multiple acceptance)

Tuition Fees

〈 Public 〉

- Entrance fee....Aprox 20 ~ 200 thousand yen
- Monthly payment...Aprox 5,000 ~ 20,000 yen

〈 Private 〉

- Entrance fee....Aprox 200 ~ 300 thousand yen
- Monthly paymentAprox 30 ~ 40 thousand yen
(If parents annual revenue is less than the defined level, the monthly payment will be 5 – 20 thousand yen)

✘ Other costs such as uniform and transportation are needed.

Tuition Fees of Private Senior High School

From April, 2020, the national grant for tuition fee of private senior high school was increased.

● Example:

If the annual revenue of a family with parents(one parent has a job), a senior high school student and a junior high school student is less than about 5.9 million yen, the maximum 396,000 yen (annual) is supported.

With the grant, most of tuition fee of private senior high school become the same amount with public school.

Difference between Scholarship and Bank Loan

● Scholarship:

The child receives the scholarship and the child repays after graduation and starting working.

● Bank Loan:

The parent applies the loan and the parent repays.

Scholarship

**Various types of scholarships are available.
Please consult with the school.**

Typical examples:

- 1. “Gunma Ken Kyoiku Bunka Jigyodan Koutou Gakkou Shogakukin”**

Foreigners--- Parmanent resident and spouse.

Repayment is needed (no interest)

Monthly amount:

18,000yen for public school student.

30,000yen for private school student.

2. Isesaki City Scholarship

- For whom having difficulty to proceed to the next level of education due to economical reason.**
- Condition: The resident in Isesaki City for 1 year or more. Both Eijusha and Teijusha are eligible.**

3. Ota City Scholarship

- For whom having difficulty to proceed to the next level of education due to economical reason.**
- Condition: The resident in Ota City for 1 year or more. Both Eijusha and Teijusha**

4. Loan: Japan National Finance Corporation

- Loan Limit: Within 3.5 million yen for one child**
- Interest(as of August 21, 2020): 1.70%**
- Guarantor or affiliation to Guarantee Association is needed.**
- Repayment period: Within 15 years**
- Foreigners staying in Japan for repayment period can apply the loan.**

5. Loan: Private Bank

(1) Gunma Bank

- **Foreigner--- Eijusya only.**

More than 1 year work at the same company.

Annual revenue of the previous year is more than 1 million yen.

(2) Chuo Labor Bank

- **Foreigner--- Eijusya or Tokubetsu Eijusya only.**

More than 1 year work at the same company.

Annual revenue of the previous year is more than 1.5 million yen. Able to understand and read/write Japanese without interpreter.

(3) IO Credit Union

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7 factors to select senior high schools

- ① Studies you want to do
- ② Club activities
- ③ Time zone (full-time, part-time, correspondence)
- ④ Distance to school
- ⑤ Tuition fee
- ⑥ Actual results of entering universities
- ⑦ Deviation score (Hensachi)

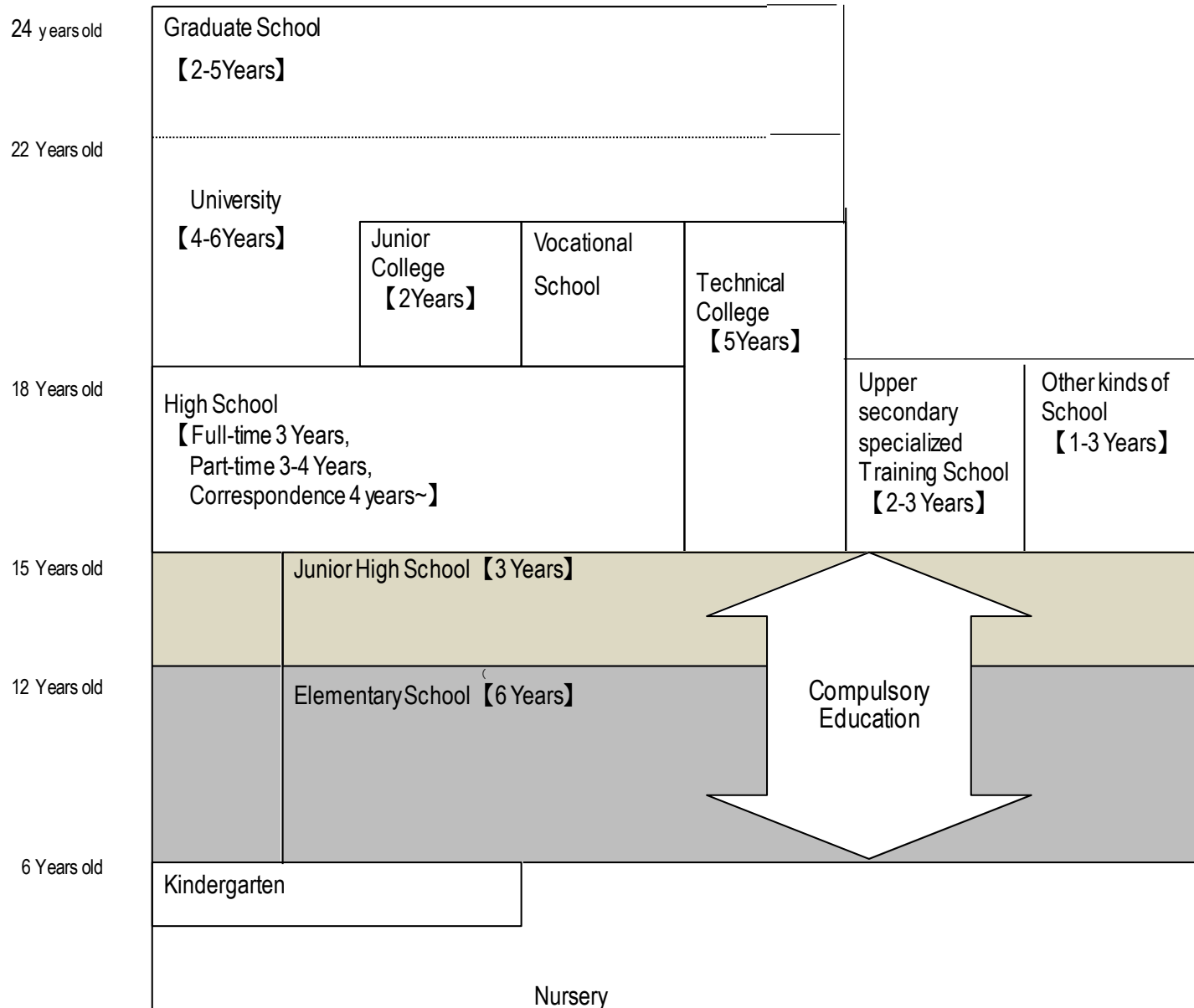
6 ways to obtain information

- ① See homepage of the school
- ② Obtain pamphlet of the school
- ③ Participate the school information session
- ④ Ask questions to senior students in the school you want to enter.
- ⑤ Consult with NPO
- ⑥ See the home page of “ Board of Education of Gunma Prefecture” to obtain information of entrance exam

2nd Part: Systems of university and professional training college

- 1 What are university and professional training college ?**
- 2 How can you enter those?**
- 3 How much is tuition fee?**
- 4 How high should your Japanese language ability be?**

The Japanese School System



What is University?

- To enter university, eligibility of senior high school graduation is needed.
- The place to research and deepen any study you want.
- Depending on faculty, 4-6 years are taken for completion.
- Entrance exam system and tuition fee are much different between national/public university and private university.
- In some job, graduation of university is essential.
- ✘ For junior college, 2 years are taken for completion. There is no national junior college.

What is Professional Training College?(1)

Professional Training College is one of Specialized Training Colleges.

Specialized Training College

- ① **Postsecondary Course ... Eligibility of senior high school graduation is needed to enter
= Professional Training College**
- ② **Upper Secondary Course...Eligibility of junior high school graduation is needed to enter
= Upper Secondary Specialized Training School**
- ③ **General Course...To enter, irrespective of educational background.**

What is Professional Training College ?(2)

- **Eligibility of senior high school graduation is needed.**
- **The place to brush up technology you want to acquire.**
- **More than 2years are necessary for completion.**
- **Variety of faculties are available. National qualifications are obtainable.**
- **Active support for finding employment.**

Difference between University and Professional Training College

- **University = Liberal Arts + Specialized Studies**
4-6 years required for graduation. The place to research and deepen any studies. Long school vacation(Approx. 2 months for summer) .
- **Professional Training College = Specialized Studies**
2-3 years required for graduation. The place to brush up technologies. Duation of school vacation is different among schools(Approx 1 week – one or two months for summer)

Next Course to Senior High School Graduates

Number of senior high school graduates was approx 1 million and 50 thousand at March, 2019.

- ① University and Junior University...
Approx 570 thousand (Approx 55%)**
- ② Professional Training College....
Aprox 170 thousand (Approx 16%)**
- ③ Employment..... Aprox 190 thousand (Approx 18%)**
- ④ Others..... Aprox 120 thousand (Approx 11%)**

Cautions for foreign students(3)

● Eligibility for taking entrance exam(1):

The eligibility for taking entrance exam of Japanese university and professional training college needed for foreign students who have no graduation certificate of Japanese Senior High School:

(1) 12 years educational career in your country is needed.

⇒ The certificate of completion is needed for application of taking entrance exam. Also, Many universities require test result of EJU(Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students).

(2) Or, passing the national test of senior high school graduation certificate in Japan is needed.

(3) Or, completion of Junbi Kyouiku Katei (Preparatory Education Curriculum) approved by MEXT.

Cautions for foreign students(3)

● Eligibility for taking entrance exam(2):

(4) Completion of senior high school course of foreigners school approved by MEXT(Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan).

Example of the foreigners school in Gunma prefecture—

- Instituto Educacional Gente Miúda (Oizumi)
- Instituto Educacional Centro Nippo-Brasileiro de Oizumi
- Escola Paralelo (Ota)
- EAS Rede Pitágoras (Ota)

Example of the foreigners school in Saitama prefecture---

- Instituto Educacional TS Recreação (Kamisato)
- Escola Intercultural Unificada Arco Íris (Honjo)

Cautions for foreign students(3)

● Eligibility for taking entrance exam(2):

(5) Some countries have 11 years completion system of senior high school education. Among them, the following countries systems are approved by MEXT of eligibility to receive entrance exam of Japanese university and professional training college.

Peru

Russia

Myanmar

Uzbekistan

Belarus

Sudan

New Entrance Exam

- From Exam in 2020, new entrance exam has been applied.

Conventional Test ---

“ Exam of University Admission Center” .

Concept--- Knowledge is important.

New Test ---

“ Common Exam of University Admission “

Concept--- Thinking ability is important.

Three Types of Entrance Exam

- Exam for candidates recommended by high school principals.. Recommendation by high school principals is required. Most of exam consists of 「School report + Short essay + Interview 」
- Comprehensive exam... Short essay for self presentation and interview. Eagerness and motivation are important to pass the exam.
- General exam ... The exam is mainly written test. National Language(Japanese), Math, Foreign Language, Science, Social.

Entrance Exam of University

< National and public university >

- Main exam is general exam. Two times of exam, national Common Exam and University's exam(2nd exam). Most of universities have 5 subject exam.
- Recommendation exam and comprehensive exam has low numbers of acceptance and the exam is rather strict.

< Private university >

- Main exam is general exam and one time exam. Number of subjects is less than National/public university.
- Recommendation exam and AO exam has low numbers of acceptance and the exam is rather strict.

Entrance Exam of Junior University and Professional Training College

〈 Junior university 〉

- Approximately 80 % is recommendation exam and comprehensive exam. General exam is a few.

〈 Professional Training College 〉

- More than 80% is recommendation exam and the rest is General exam, comprehensive exam and practical exam(such as sports, arts).
- Less competition than university and junior university, it is relatively easy to enter.

Fee of Entrance Exam

- **National/public university...**
Center exam, approx. 18,000 yen.
2nd exam, approx 17,000 yens.
Total approx 35,000 yen.
- **Private university ...Approx 20,000 - 50,000 yen.**
- **Junior university .. Approx 25,000 - 30,000 yen.**
- **Professional Training College ...**
Free – approx. 35,000 yen

Cost from Admission through Graduation

Education cost = Enrollment + Tuition + Facility, etc

● National/public university...

Approx 2,500,000 a 3,500,000 yen

● Private university ... Approx 4,000,000 a 6,000,000 yen

Private medical • private dental

(approx 30,000,000 yen)

● Junior university ... Approx 1,500,000 a 2,500,000 yen

● Professional Training College...

Approx 2,000,000 a 3,500,000 yen

(Hari, moxa and massage 5,000,000 yen)

✘ Living cost (rent, transportation, food, etc) is not included above.

Scholarship

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Typical examples:

1. 「Nihon Gakusei Shien Kikou (JASSO) Shogakukin」

JASSO: Japan Student Services Organization

- Loan type requires pay back.

1st category/ Dai Isshu (no interest) monthly...

National/public university 45,000 yen,

Private university 54,000 yen

2nd category/ Dai Nishu (with interest) monthly...

30,000 to 120,000 yen

- Benefit type started in 2020.

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Japanese Language Ability for Entrance Exam

- **University and junior university:
High ability is needed to understand question
in Japanese language.**
- **Even for Japanese students, it is not easy to read
Japanese question in short time.**
- **The Japanese language of “Tensei Jingo” (Voice
of Heaven and Word of Human) in Asahi
Newspaper is the level of entrance exam of University.**
- **Equivalent to the 1st level (N1) of JLPT(Japanese
Language Proficiency Test)**

Japanese Universities having courses to get degree by taking classes held in English only:

The University of Tokyo(Tokyo)

Sophia University(Tokyo)

Waseda University(Tokyo)

University of Tsukuba(Tsukuba)

Tohoku University(Sendai)

Osaka University (Osaka)

Doshisha University(Kyoto)

Kyushu University(Fukuoka)

Keio University(Tokyo)

Meiji University(Tokyo)

Nagoya University(Nagoya)

Kyoto University(Kyoto)

Ritsumeikan University(Kyoto)

Red letter: National university, **Black** letter: Private University

Job in Japan

Proceeding to the next level of education and job

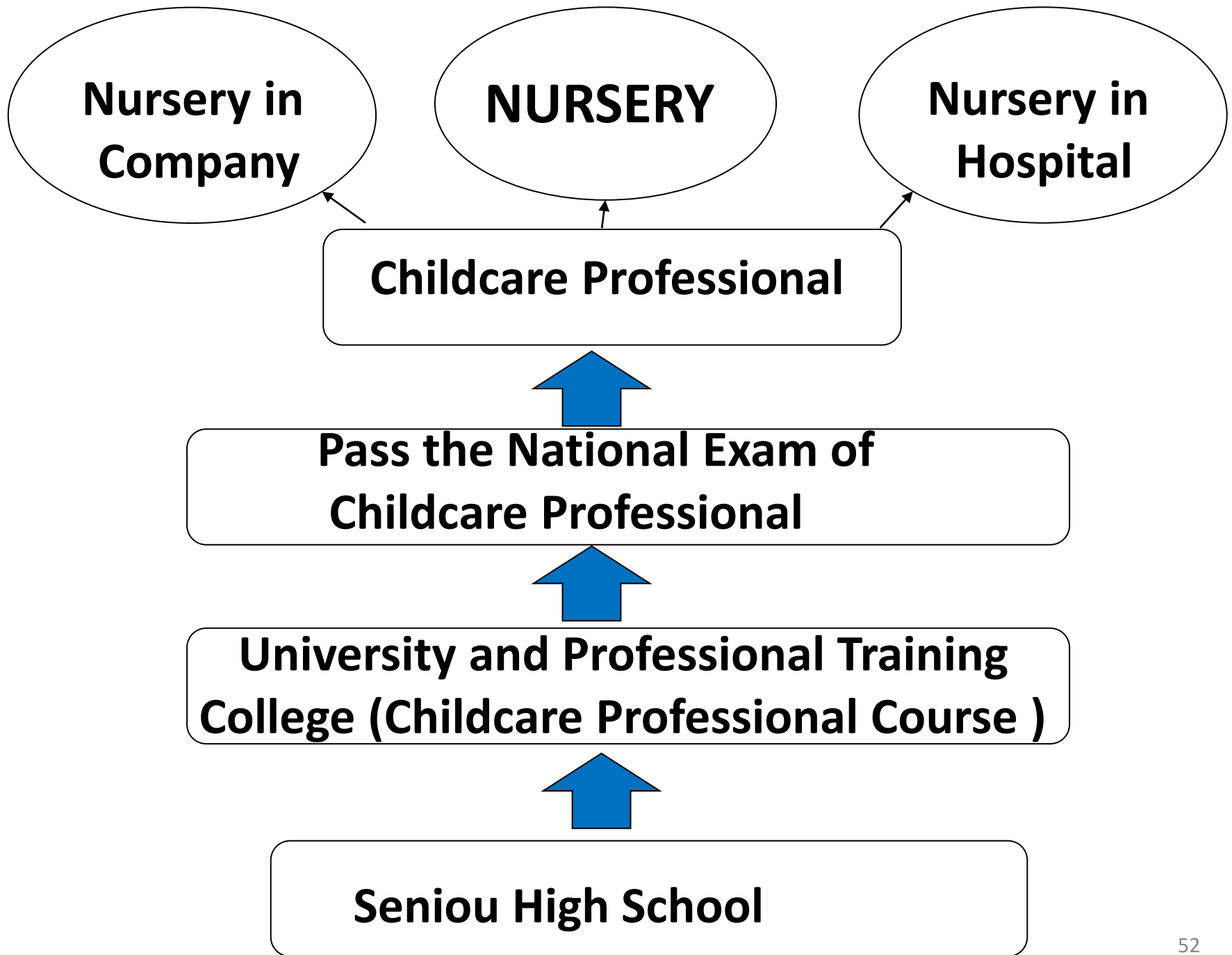
- **Several examples are shown here to describe proceeding to the next level of education and job.**

It does not mean the proceeding course is limited to the course shown here. There are various courses you will find in your life.

Childcare Professional (Nursery Teacher, **HOIKU-SHI**)



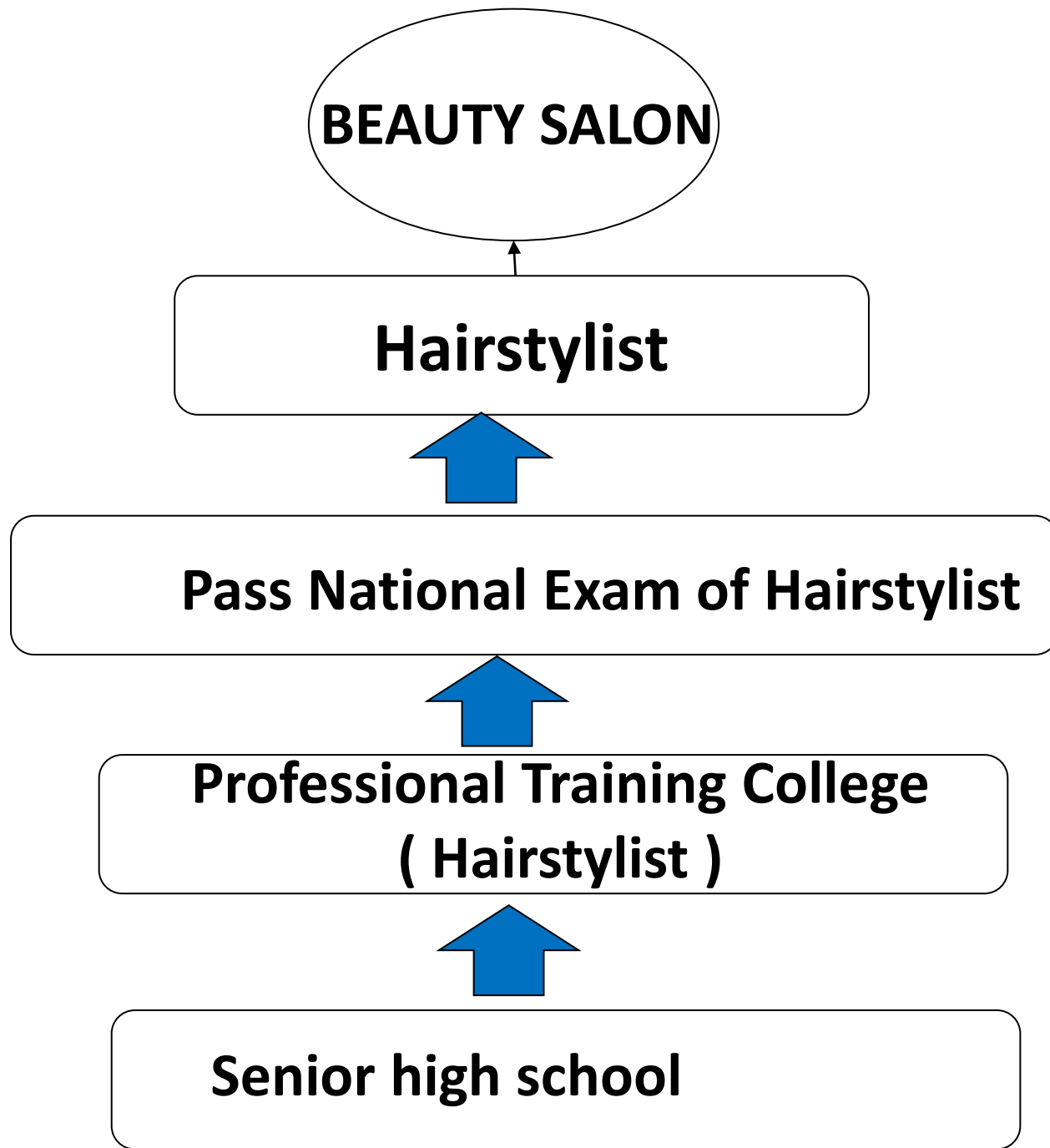
--- takes care and educates children aged from less than 1 year old to 5 years old about daily life habits and supports for growing healthy mind in nurseries (daycares).



Hairstylist (BIYOU-SHI)

--- sets hair to match customers' taste or to follow the trend by hair cutting , shampooing, perm and coloring.

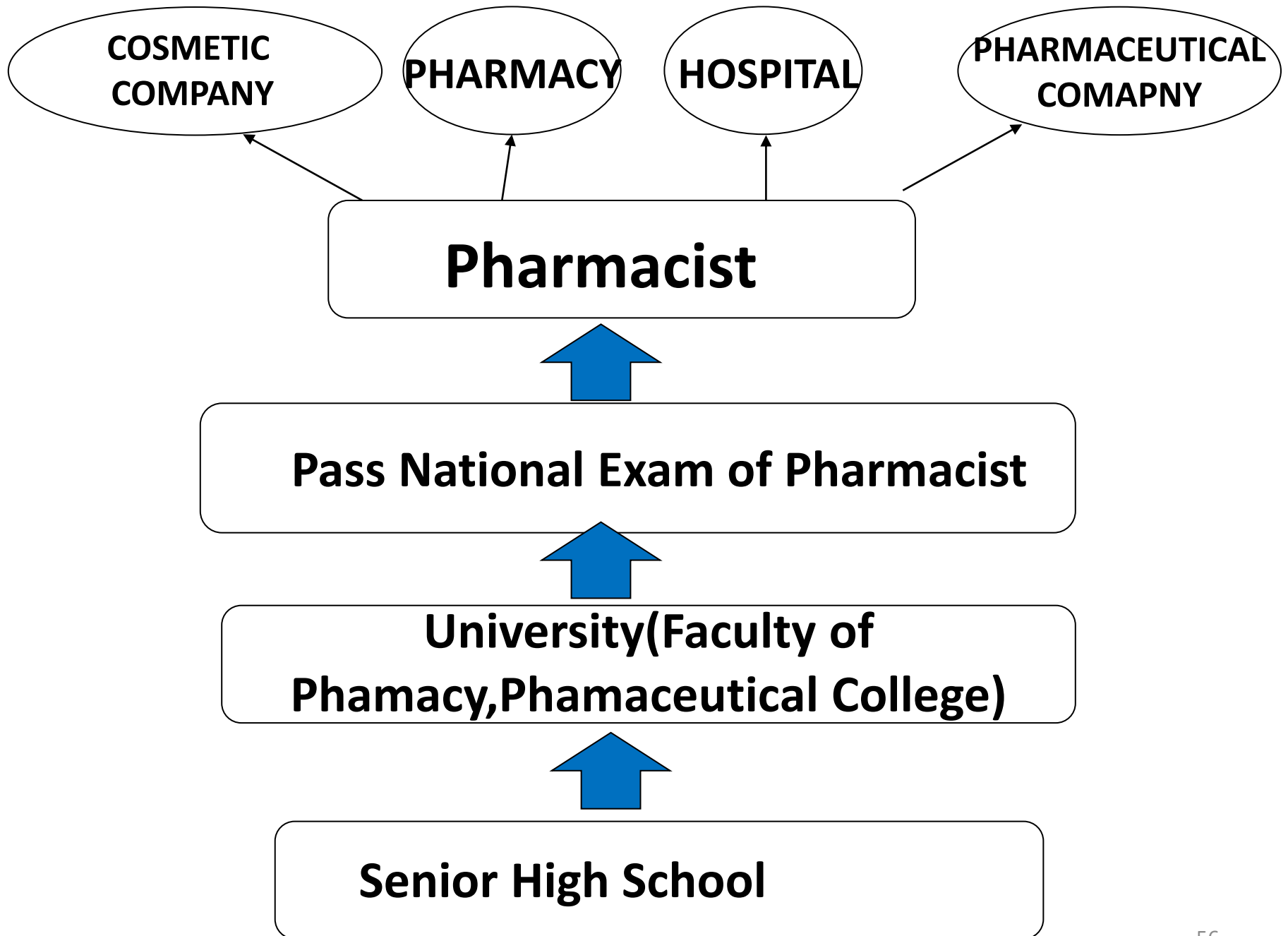




Pharmacist (YAKU-ZAI-SHI)

--- delivers the appropriate medicine by preparing it according to doctor's prescription, and instructs correct way to take the medicine.



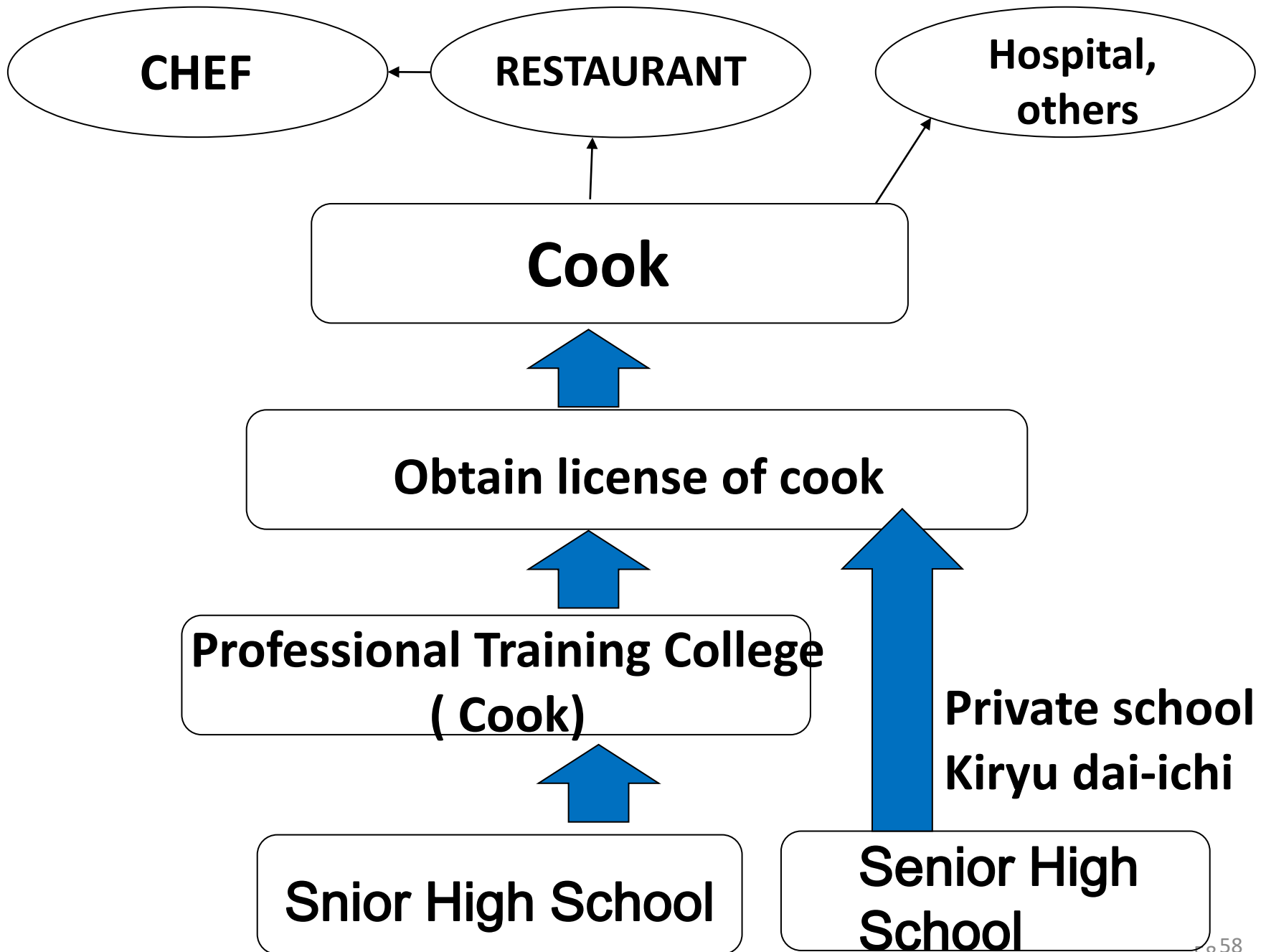


Cook

(RYOU-RI-NIN)

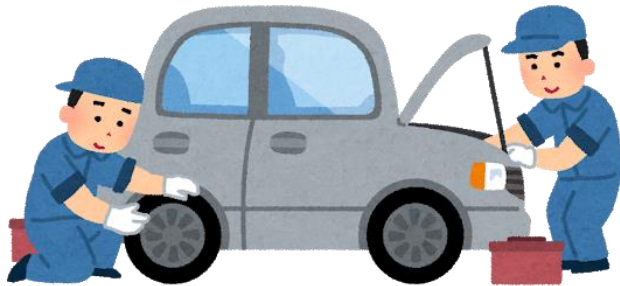


--- makes meals at restaurant or hotel. Cook develops new dishes , purchases materials, cooks and presents dishes.

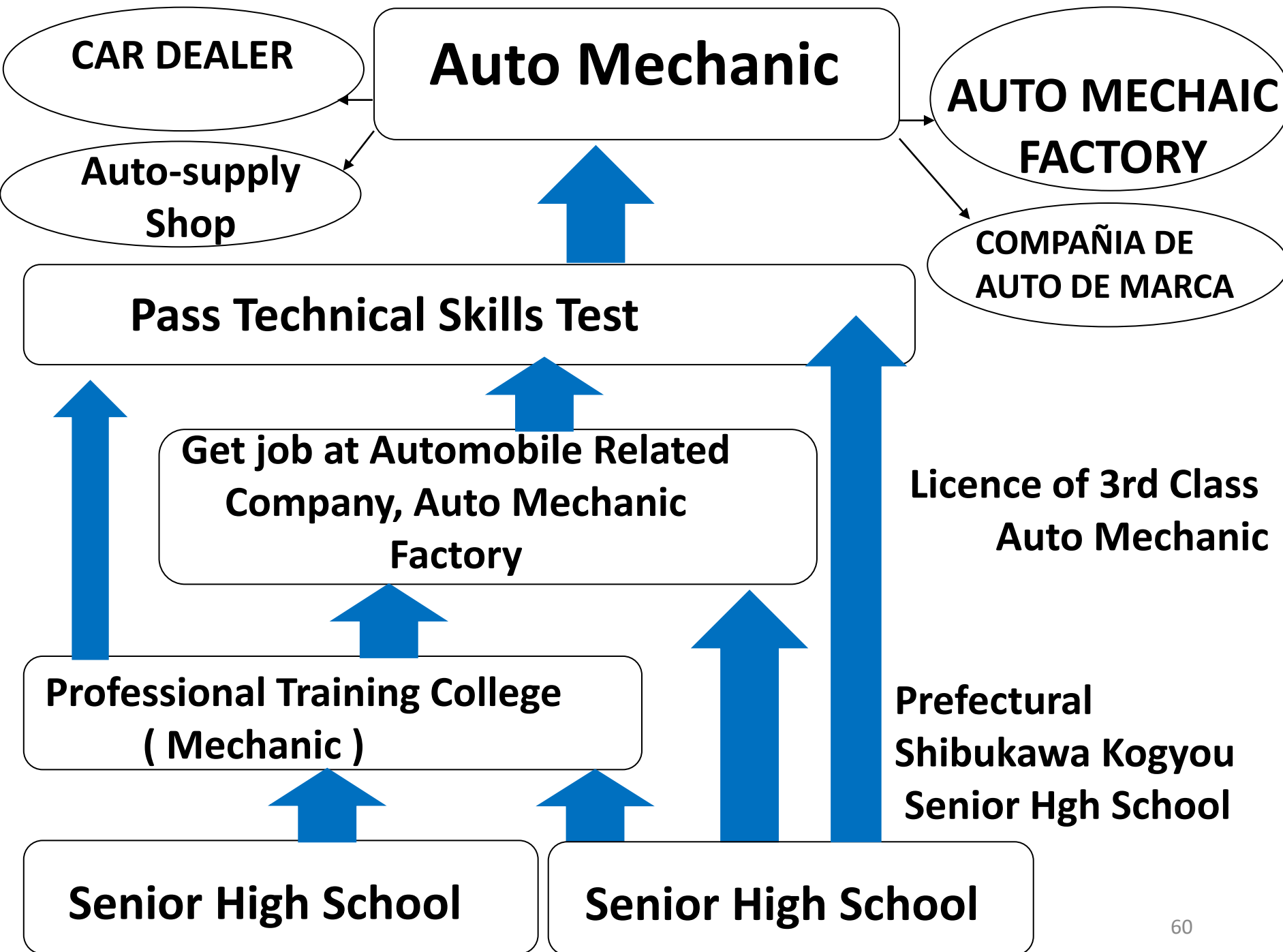


Auto Mechanic

(JIDOUSHA-SEIBISHI)



--- inspects and repairs cars to maintain safe driving. Since the electric vehicle will increase, wider area knowledge about technology will be required for auto mechanic.



Computer Programmer

--- writes program.
The computer works with instructions and rules written in program.



**Game Developing
Company**

WEBSITE DESIGN COMPANY

**Various Company
such as Manufacturer**

Computer Programmer

**Various Certificates of
Information Technology**

Website Design Compny, Manufacturer

**University and Professional
Training College(Information)**

**Senior High School, Commercial High School,
Techical High School**

Systems Engineer



--- designs computer systems to meet customer company's requirement to realize ideas. Communication ability, technological ability and project management ability are required for system engineer.

Maker

IT Company

System Integrator

Systems Engineer

IT (Information Technology)
Related certification:

IT Company, System Integrator

- Java Certification
- Exam of Fundamental Information Technology
- IT Passport Exam

University, Professional Training College (Information Course)

Senior High School. Commercial High School, Technical High School

Illustrator

--- draws illustration for books, magazines , advertisements, posters and products by orders from publishers and advertising agencies.



Independent Illustrator



Win a prize



**Get a job at Game Developing Company,
Advertising Company, Design Office**



**University, Professional Training
College(Art)**



Senior High School

Nurse

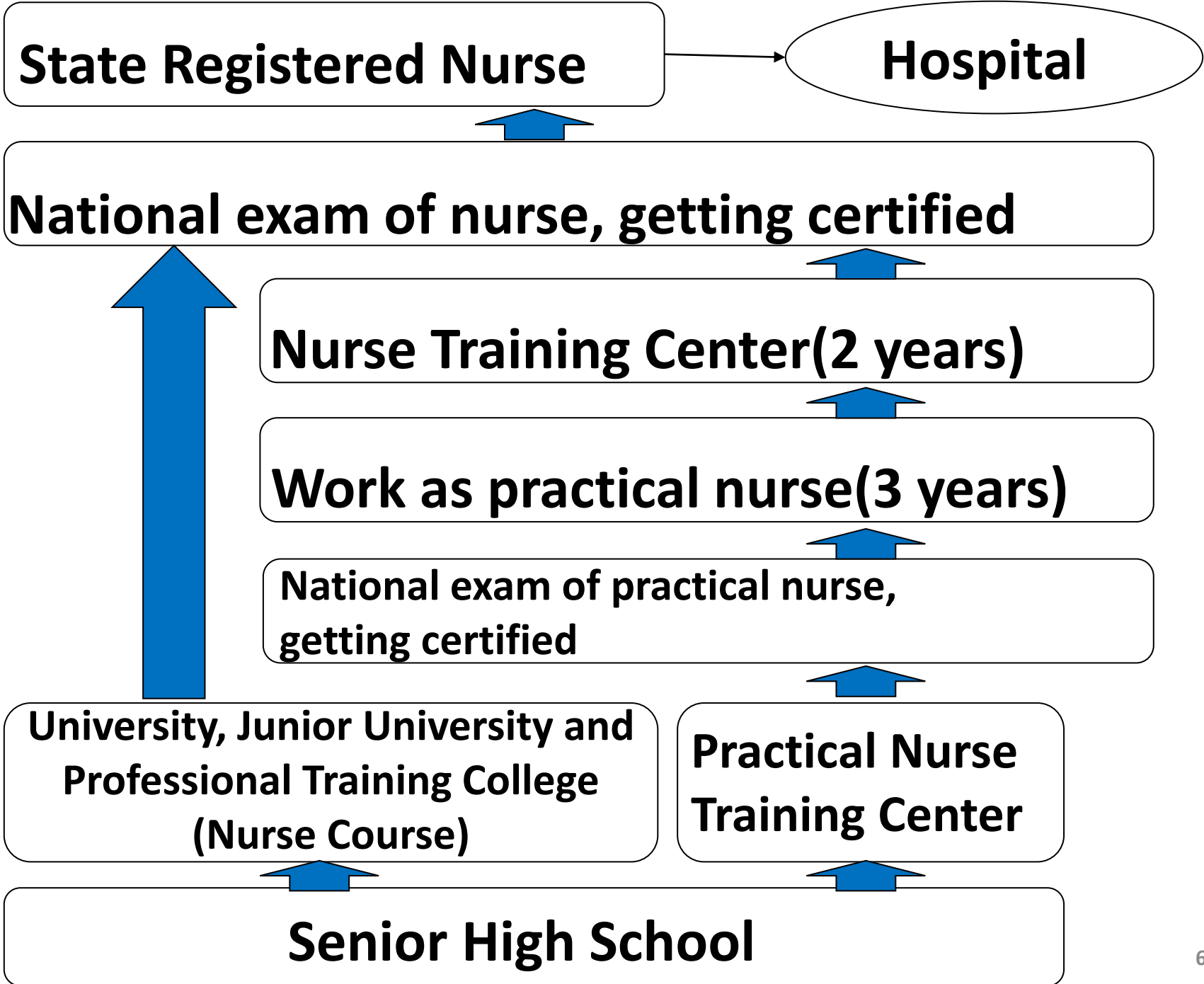
(KANGO-SHI)



--- inspects patients' health condition , assists to doctors, gives intravenous drip and gives injection.

Nurse watches patients in 24 hours system by night shift work.

Besides hospital, welfare facilities are also workplace For nurse.

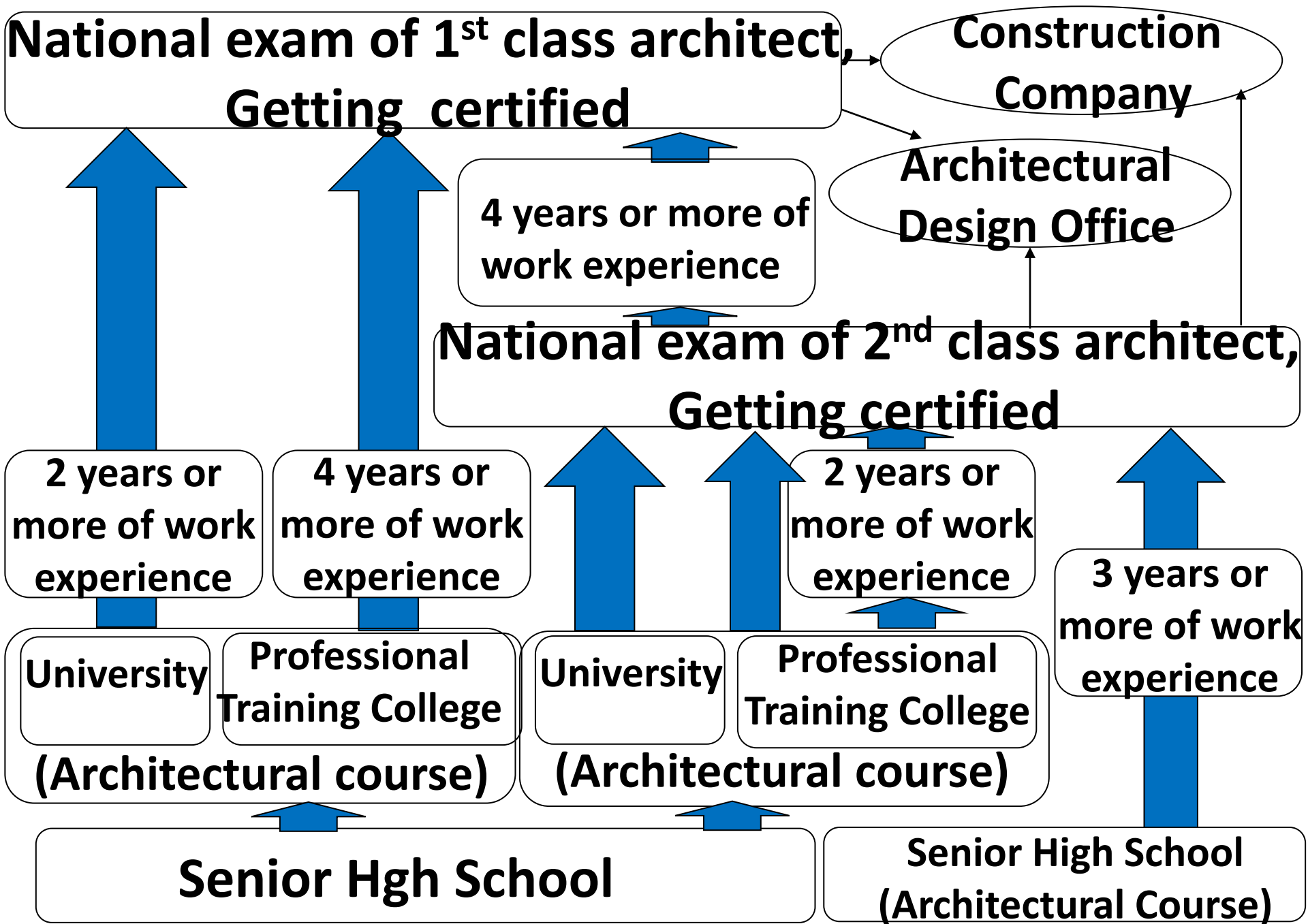


Architect (KEN-CHIKU-SHI)

--- designs buildings. Architect
Draws blueprint in consideration
with appearance, structure and
safty in disaster, and makes
architectural model.

Architect arranges craftspersons
based on the budget and
supervises schedule of
construction work.





Teacher (SEN-SEI)

(Elementary, Junior High, Senior High School)



--- Foreigners cannot work in administrative position (principal, head teacher) at public school, but can work in teaching students. No such restriction in private school. In University of both public and private, no such restriction

Public School (full-time instructor)
Private School (certified teacher)

Teacher Recruitment Exam

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Getting teachers License of Elementary school

Getting teachers License of Junior High school

Getting teachers License of Senior High school

Graduate School, University, Junior University (Teacher Training Course)

Senior High School

Dietician(KANRI EIYOU-SHI) Nutritionist(EIYOU-SHI)



Dietician gives guidance and control on nutrition for the sick and healthy people. Nutritionist gives guidance on nutrition mainly for healthy People.

Hospital, Nursing facility, Children's home,
Elementary/Junior high school, Company

Dietician (Kanri Eiyou-shi)

National exam of dietician, getting certified

Work experience (1 to 3 years or more)

Nutritionist (Eiyou-shi)

Professional Training College,
University (Dietician course)

Professional Training College,
Junior University, University
(Dietician course)

Senior High School

Certified Care Worker (KAIGO FUKUSHI-SHI)



--- cares person who has difficulty in living by oneself, such as the elderly, the physically or mentally handicapped .

--- assists with eating, excreting, bathing and changing clothes.

**Elderly care facility, Nursing care home
for the physically handicapped**

Certified care worker

**National exam of certified care worker,
getting certified**

**University, Junior University ,
Professional Training College(Welfare Course)**

Senior High School

**Senior High School
(Welfare course)**

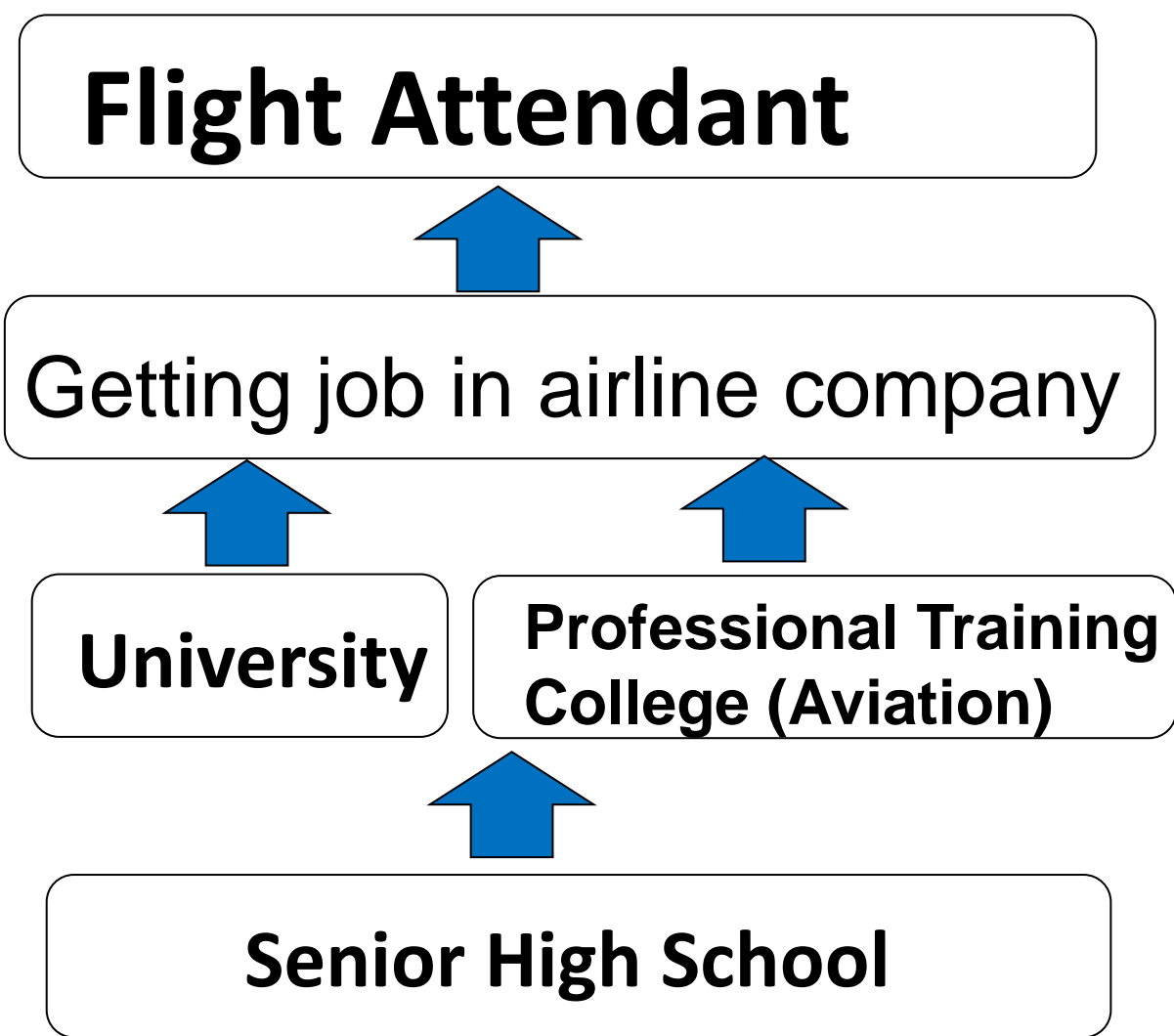


Flight Attendant/Cabin Crew



--- provides in-flight service, such as serving inflight meal and beverage.

--- confirms safety and guides passengers to evacuate in emergency.



Pet Groomer **(TORII-MAA)**

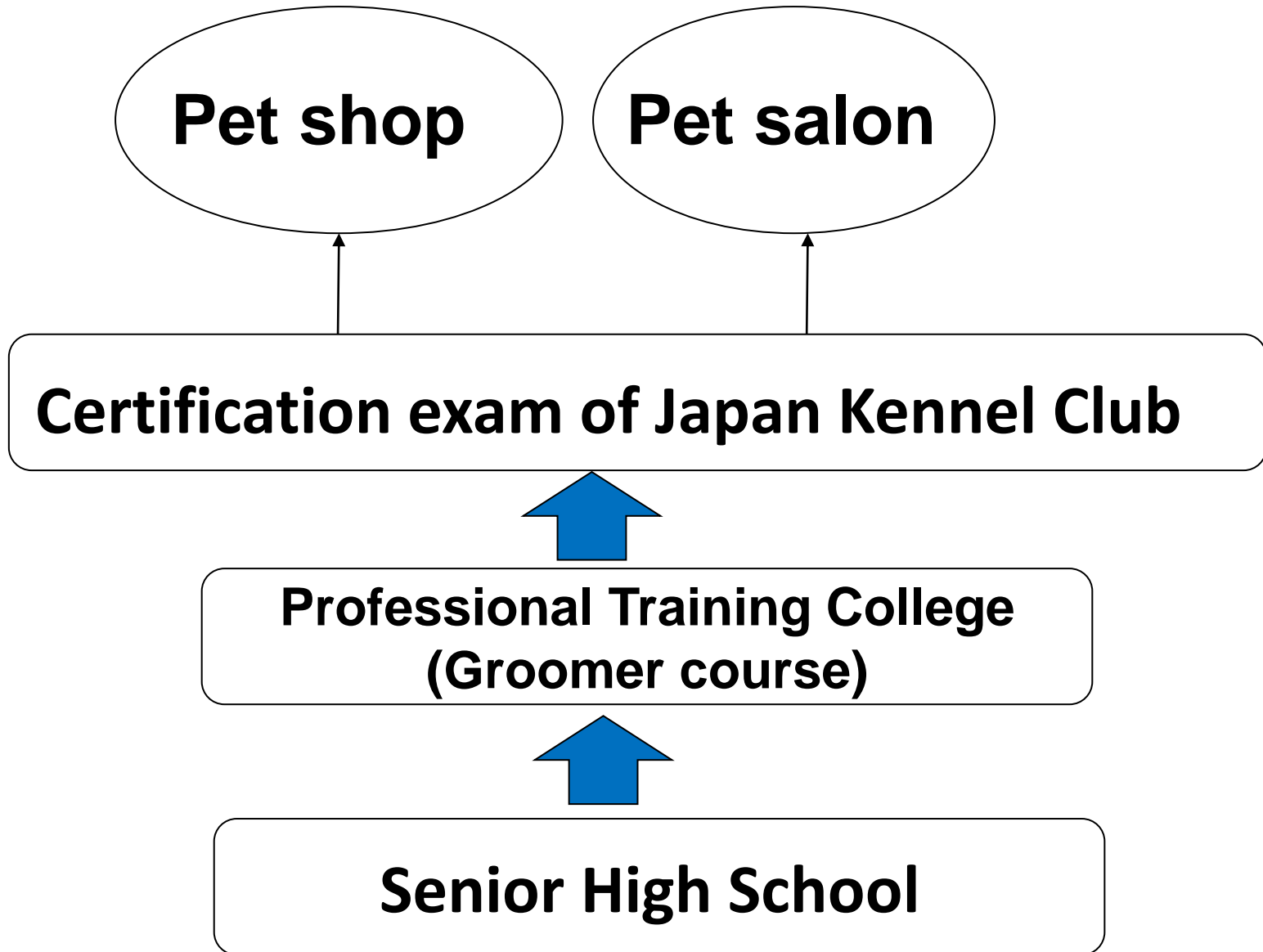


--- gives full body treatment for dogs or cats by shampooing and trimming pet's fur.

To prevent diseases, groomer cleans ear and clips nails of pets for keeping clean.

Pet Groomer

gives full body treatment for dogs or cats.



Full-time Employee, Part-time Worker, Part-time Job(ARUBAITO)

● Full-time employee :

- can continue working until retirement age
(Ex. 60 years old)**
- works full-time a day(Ex. 8 hours)**

● Part-time worker :

- works for shorter period(Ex. 6months, 1 year)**
- works for shorter time a day(Ex. 4 hours)**

● ARUBAITO :

- Same meaning with part-time worker.**
- Student part-time worker is often called.**

Difference of Annual Income by Work Style

Example Case: Working for 35 years

- Average annual income
 - Full-time employee... 4,000 thousand yen
 - Part-time worker... 1,220 thousand yen
 - Lifetime accumulated income:
 - Full-time employee... 140 million yen
 - Part-time worker... 42 million yen
- ⇒ **causes difference of 1000 million yen.**