



جامعة الإمارات العربية المتحدة
United Arab Emirates University

UAEU



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

2013 / 2014



WELCOME To
United Arab Emirates

Success Excellence Internship **Quality** Creativity
Living Get Inspired **Flagship** Your Future
Learning National University **Excel** Graduate **University** Career
Opportunity Develop **Choice** Achieve **Degree** **High-Tech**
Innovation Research Intensive **Accredited** **Achieve**
Community Mobile Learning **New Skills**
Knowledge



UAEU Facts Sheet

50%

of students live
in residence

76%
female

24%
male students

13,540

Total number of
registered students for
2012 /2013



639
Faculty



98
Instructors



258
UFP Lecturers

173

Emirati National Faculty

56,895

Total number of graduates



9

Colleges

#1  Research University in the GCC | #2  in the Arab World | #9  in the Muslim World | #370  Globally

Established in 1976

80 hectares – Size of the campus

The National University

One of the top **50** universities founded in the past **50** years

36

Total number
of Patents
filed since
2007

8

Number of
Research Centers

869

Number of
Publications for
2012/ 2013

2

Olympic-sized
swimming pools

272

Total number
of student
activities for
2012/ 2013

38

Total number
of clubs & societies
on campus

480

Labs on
campus

Students from

55

countries
(incl. UAE)

Largest electronic resources in the Arab World

140,000 eBooks

38,000 eJournals

50 Databases

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DEAN’S MESSAGE

The College of Education (CEDU) is becoming a leading professional school in the UAE and the Gulf Region, known for its influential educational research and academic programs. Our goal is to respond to the educational needs of the nation and region, thereby addressing a core element of the knowledge-based society — outstanding education for all students.

The college offers an active learning-centered environment where all students explore new educational concepts and perfect their teaching and leadership skills. Our research and professional development programs will help improve your teaching and your school’s performance.

Our college holds the highest global academic standards and has been recognized internationally for its commitment to continuous improvement and high achievement. This means that your education at the College of Education will prepare you to be a leader in teaching, in school administration, or in education research.

If you aspire to become a classroom teacher, special educator, school principal, policy analyst, or education researcher, you will find an undergraduate, master’s or doctoral program in our college that will prepare you for these careers.

If you need expertise in school improvement efforts, professional development, and educational research, the College of Education faculty have the advanced knowledge and skills to support your effort.

I invite you to explore our website and encourage you to visit us at any time. I trust that once you discover our state-of-the-art facilities, check out our high-tech teaching technologies, meet our motivated students, accomplished faculty and dedicated and supportive staff, you’ll decide that the CEDU at United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) is the place you should be in to build your future career.

Good Luck and Best Wishes!



Prof. Steven Bossert
Dean, College of Education

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLEGE

The College of Education provides professional programs for teachers and education leaders as well as research, seminars and professional training that address the Nation's educational needs. The college was established in 1977 as one of the first four United Arab Emirates University colleges.

There are four academic departments: Curriculum & Methods of Instruction, Foundations of Education, Physical Education, and Special Education. The college offers undergraduate degrees to prepare teachers in the primary grades, master of education degrees for school and curriculum leaders, and a doctoral program for research and advanced study.

The mission of the College of Education is to facilitate the continuous improvement of education in the UAE through active and collaborative national and international partnerships. The college provides a learning-centered environment that promotes excellence in teacher education, research and scholarship, community service and program development, and active participation in policy development. The College of Education aspires to strengthen its innovative leadership as a center of academic excellence in the region and is committed to preparing teachers and school leaders who demonstrate knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions in accordance with globally-recognized education standards.

The College of Education received international recognition in Teacher Education from the Center for Quality Assurance in International Education (CQAIE) in collaboration with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) in 2010. The first cohort of PhD students began studies in 2012.

"The courses, seminars, internships and field experiences offered at the College of Education provides the students with the practical hands-on experience and knowledge needed in this field of study."

Aysha Al Dhaheri
Early Childhood Education,
1st Year

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



UNDERGRADUATE:

Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education)
Bachelor of Education (Elementary Education: Islamic Studies and Arabic)
Bachelor of Education (Elementary Education: Mathematics and Science)
Bachelor of Education (Elementary Education: Social Studies and Civics)
Bachelor of Education (Elementary Education: English)
Bachelor of Education (Special Education: Mild/ Moderate Disabilities)
Bachelor of Education (Special Education: Gifted and Talented)
Professional Diploma in Teaching

MASTER PROGRAMS:

Master of Education - Educational Leadership
Master of Education - Special Education
Master of Education - Curriculum & Instruction:

- English
- Arabic
- Islamic Studies
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Master of Teaching - Curriculum & Instruction:

- English
- Arabic
- Islamic Studies
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

PHD PROGRAMS:

PhD in Education with program tracks in:

- Curriculum & Instruction with specializations in Science Education, Mathematics Education, and Language and Literacy
- Leadership and Policy Studies in Education
- Special Education



UNDERGRADUATE INFORMATION

ADMISSION CRITERIA

To be eligible for admission to UAEU, applicants must obtain a minimum of 75% on their Grade 12 Certificate. Applicants should also score above 150 in the CEPA English exam and successfully pass the CEPA maths placement test. Additionally, applicants must also have a valid National Identity Certificate and a valid UAE passport.

Interested candidates should use the common National Admissions and Placement Office (NAPO) application form to apply to UAEU. The form is available from secondary schools, UAEU's Admission Office or NAPO.

Success at UAEU requires proficiency in both Arabic and English languages. Students admitted to the University are placed either directly into the undergraduate degree program or into the University Foundation Program (UFP). UFP is the bridge between high school and the degree programs offered at UAEU. Placement in a UFP course level will depend on the applicants score in the UFP Placement Exams. There are three levels in English and two levels in each of the following three subjects: mathematics, computer technology and Arabic.

To be considered for direct admission to an undergraduate degree program, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- ▶ proof of English-language proficiency, which may take one of the following forms:
 - a TOEFL minimum score of 500 or 61 IBT

- an IELTS minimum score of 5.0
- ▶ pass placement tests in Mathematics (Algebra and Pre-Calculus), Computer Technology and Arabic Language
- ▶ pass the Basic Skills Test – BST – (Thinking Skills, Writing Skills, Reading Skills & Math Skills)
- ▶ pass an interview

**Please note that these are the minimum admission criteria, further details can be obtained from the Admissions Department.*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The duration of the undergraduate degree programs is approximately 4 years. A minimum of 126 credit hours are required for graduation. Students must complete the program curriculum plan with a minimum GPA of 2.0, including the practicum course.

“Studying at the College of Education has provided me with a vast knowledge of the subject matter, in addition to ample experience in the real world.”

Moza Al Kaabi,
English Language, 4th Year

INTERNSHIPS (PRACTICUM - STUDENT TEACHING)

The College of Education integrated a mandatory practicum (9 Credits) for all students as part of their degree program. Through the practicum program, the students are guided, prepared and placed in governmental, private and ADEC schools all over the country. The practicum program adds a significant real-world component to the students' education and provides students with the opportunity to earn academic credit while gaining valuable work experience.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many career opportunities available to students with a degree from the College of Education in both the Abu Dhabi Educational Council (ADEC) and the Ministry of Education (MOE) governmental and private schools and special needs centers.



UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

This program focuses on preparing teachers to teach in kindergarten. Early Childhood Education (ECE) is a four-year degree program that leads to a Baccalaureate. The ECE program emphasizes the preparation of teachers for inclusive settings, with students taking a concentration of coursework in learning to develop and plan curricula in an appropriate environment for younger learners, and to build educational theories that will enhance the student's future work with young children and families.

ECE students gain invaluable practice through field experiences and student teaching with kindergarteners. The ECE program provides the highest quality developmental program for children from birth to kindergarten. This includes understanding child's growth in cognition, language, motor skills, adaptive skills and social-emotional functioning.

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ELEMENTARY EDUCATION)

This program provides prospective teachers with the necessary theoretical and practical skills to enable them to offer quality education in an elementary school settings. During the four years program, students learn to recognize how their own background and experience shapes their thinking and actions, they reflect on their practices, and construct and adapt practices to meet their students' needs.

The Elementary Education program provides prospective teachers with a practical understanding of child psychological

development and growth in grades 1-5. It also educates them about the need to work with parents and other child caregivers in providing academic, emotional, physical and social support necessary for development and growth. The program gives the students the opportunity to select a concentration track within the various exciting areas of Elementary Education. These concentration tracks include Islamic Studies & Arabic, Mathematics & Science, English, and Social Studies & Civics.

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL EDUCATION)

Special Education is the education of students in a manner that addresses the students' individual differences and special needs. This program is designed for students interested in providing services to students with special needs. The program provides students with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to become highly qualified special educators who can help students with special needs achieve a higher level of personal self-sufficiency and success in school and in the community.

The study plan includes a combination of academic and professional coursework with field experience in the classroom that prepares graduates for teaching in the real world. The program gives the students the opportunity to select a concentration track within the various areas of Special Education. These concentration tracks include Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Gifted and Talented Education, Sensory Impairments and Severe Disabilities.



GRADUATE INFORMATION



MASTER OF EDUCATION

The College of Education offers a Masters of Education program to improve the performance of teachers, schools leadership and other educational professionals. To guarantee a distinguished service for professionals in the field, this program has been designed based on international best standards, to meet the needs and aspirations of all teachers, principals, and others in education who are eager to improve and update their professional status.

The program updates candidates with the latest knowledge and skills in their fields of study and practice. In addition to this, they are trained on how to design a learning environment in which the learners are at the center of the learning process, along with reflecting on their professional practices and their impact on the learners and how to perform leading roles in building constructive, effective partnerships with parents and local communities. In this program, there are three main tracks: Educational Leadership, Special Education and Curriculum & Instruction Methods with specialization in English, Arabic, Islamic Studies, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

“My studies at the College of Education improved my communication and social skills with peers and other professionals both within and outside the university.”

Owaisha Al Kaabi
Early Childhood Education, 2nd Year



ADMISSION CRITERIA

- ▶ A Bachelor's degree in education or its equivalent from an accredited institution.
- ▶ Three years full-time teaching or administrative experience.
- ▶ Three recommendation letters from well experienced administrators or teachers.
- ▶ A GPA equal to or higher than 2.5.
- ▶ Evidence of English language fluency (TOEFL score of at least 500 or 61 in IBT, or an IELTS score of at least 5.0).
- ▶ Successful completion of the admission interview with the Master of Education program faculty.

** Please note that these admission requirements may be subject to change. Please refer to the UAEU website for further details.*

FEES

The total tuition and application fees for the Master of Education program are AED 57,800 and is based on the following:

- ▶ AED 1,600 per credit hour (36 credit hours)
- ▶ AED 200 registration fee

REQUIREMENTS

Students are enrolled on a full-time basis and are expected to complete the degree requirements in six semesters (two summer courses are included). Each semester is equal to 6 credit hours with a total of 36 credit hours required for completion. This includes: 9 credit hours of core courses, 15 credit hours of specialty, 6 credit hours of elective courses and 6 credit hours of research leading to a thesis. Students must successfully defend the M.Ed. thesis in an oral exam.

PHD PROGRAM

The PhD program has multiple tracks aligned with the three academic departments: Department of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I), Department of Foundations of Education (FOED), and the Department of Special Education (Sp. Ed). These tracks are as follows:

- ▶ Mathematics Education (C&I Department)
- ▶ Science Education (C&I Department) Language and Literacy Education (C&I Department)
- ▶ Leadership and Policy Studies in Education (FOED Department)
- ▶ Special Education (Sp. Ed. Department)





The PhD program is developed to achieve UAEU’s ambitions to become one of the best research universities in the world. Therefore, the PhD program seeks to assist doctoral students in acquiring and developing their knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to be successful researchers in their fields of study. This will be acquired through offering courses, seminars, and independent studies. Moreover, students will conduct qualitative and quantitative research studies under the supervision of highly qualified faculty members.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirements for admission to the College of Education PhD programs are:

- ▶ A Master's degree in education or in a related discipline from UAEU or another accredited university.
- ▶ A minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- ▶ English language test scores of at least 6.5 in IELTS (Academic) or 575 on the local TOEFL exam, or a score of 88 on the internet based test (TOEFL iBT).
- ▶ In addition to the above, applicants are requested to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and submit the official score, which will be taken into account in the selection of those applicants to whom admission is offered.
- ▶ A completed PhD application form, along with a copy of your current CV.
- ▶ At least two years of teaching experience.
- ▶ Three professional letters of recommendation.
- ▶ A 500-word outline of your motivation to join the program.
- ▶ A copy of a short academic paper (1-15 pages) that represents the applicants best work in the field he/she wants to study.
- ▶ A face to face interview with the PhD Program Director and/or the PhD Committee.

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FEE STRUCTURE

The total tuition and application fees for the PhD program is AED 72,200 and is based on the following:

- ▶ AED 2,400 per credit hour (30 credit hours minimum)
- ▶ AED 200 registration fee

The fees for the PhD program may be waived for students who receive the University PhD scholarship as determined by the Graduate Board of Research Studies.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

PhD students must successfully complete the 30 credit hours mentioned in the table below with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students must also successfully defend their thesis in an oral exam.

PhD Degree Requirements	Credit Hours
Core Requirements	Minimum of 6 credit hours
Research Methodology Requirements	Minimum of 6 credit hours
Specialization Requirements	Minimum of 9 credit hours
Electives Requirements	Minimum of 3 credit hours
Dissertation Writing	Minimum of 6 credit hours
Total	Minimum of 30 credit hours

“The College of Education provides world-class facilities and services, knowledgeable and supportive faculty, and state-of-art research facilities, all of which reassure me that I made the right choice by choosing to complete my studies at UAEU.”

Shaikha Al Ahbabi,
Social Studies and Civics, 3rd Year



RESEARCH CAPABILITIES



The College of Education (CEDU) is dedicated to continually engaging its faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students in research and scholarly activities that contribute to the knowledge base in teaching and learning within their field of specialization. The CEDU fulfills a broad mission of enriching the research culture for faculty and students by supporting interdepartmental or interdisciplinary collaborations, nurturing faculty research, grant writing, and liaising with internal and external funding agencies.

Faculty research interests encompass four major specializations, including Curriculum and Instruction, Special Education, Foundations of Education, and Physical Education. The faculty research interests include but are not limited to topics such as teaching and learning in K-12 subjects, curriculum development and integration, literacy, evaluation and assessment, inclusion, teaching and assessing students with special needs, learning disabilities, gifted and talented education, foundations of education, classroom environment and management, educational policy and leadership, and curriculum and teaching methods of physical education. Research findings are published in international journals and presented at national and international conferences. CEDU graduate and undergraduate students through their research, seminars, and capstone courses learn about current research, engage in research discussions, develop research proposals, and undertake research projects and theses.

The International Journal for Research in Education (IJRE) is published by the CEDU in both Arabic and English. The IJRE is a scholarly, refereed journal that serves educational researchers, practitioners, policy-makers, and administrators in the United Arab Emirates, the Arab region and beyond.



CONSULTANCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

The College of Education is proud to be the first college in the nation to prepare education leaders, principals and teachers to work in educating UAE students since 1981. Since its establishment, the college has been working to serve the community in many ways:

- ▶ Working with the Ministry of Education in preparing the school curriculum.
- ▶ Working with the Ministry of Education in providing professional development for principals and teachers (in-service training).
- ▶ Organizing and participating in the educational conferences, forums, and workshops.
- ▶ Providing consultancy services to schools and other education centers in teaching, assessment, student performance, classroom management, etc.
- ▶ Working closely with the educational awarding bodies in the nation to provide consultancy and to work as reviewers (e.g. Khalifa Award, Hamdan Award, Sharjah Award, etc).
- ▶ Providing special education services to the community through the ARU (Assessment and Remedial Unit) such as; hands-on workshops on instrumentation and rehabilitation of students with hearing loss. The department also conducts workshops for occupational therapy, report writing, phonetic transcription, documentation, vocal laryngeal massage and vocal function exercise.

WHY CHOOSE UAUEU

1

Excellence

At UAUEU we focus on the quality of the learning experience for each student. UAUEU's "excellence agenda" involves every aspect of the University. Here you will find the finest faculty in the nation, the most advanced technology in the region, and the most modern and attractive campus facilities to be found anywhere. Our unrelenting focus on excellence ensures that your degree is highly regarded, both nationally and internationally, and that you will leave the University fully equipped for professional and personal success.

2

International Recognition

Based upon our international reputation, the employability of our graduates, and our research productivity, UAUEU continues to rank among the best of the world's 13,000 universities. QS, a London-based international ranking of the world's leading universities, rates UAUEU as number one in the nation and number 370 in the world. QS also includes UAUEU on its list of the top 50 world universities that have been founded within the past 50 years.

3

Employability of our Graduates

Since our programs have been designed in partnership with employers, our graduates are highly sought after by both private and government entities. Our academic programs include not just classroom theory, but also practical internships and research experiences, and our graduates consistently find that their hands-on experience provides them both with the practical skills that employers value and with the connections and relationships that are an important part of the career-building process.

4

A Supportive Learning Environment

UAUEU is committed to providing the support to ensure that every student can be successful. Our support services include counseling, healthcare, IT support, disability support, career services, financial aid, international student services, alumni services, a student success center and a student council. Regardless of the obstacles that you encounter along the way, there is always a mentor, a counselor, or an advisor nearby to help. Each student is provided with an individual academic advisor to assist with the critical decisions and choices that you face along the road to academic and career success.

5

A Vibrant Living Environment

Our goal is not only to give students an excellent degree qualification but also to ensure that you have fun along the way. Our students come from more than 50 countries, so you will interact with and learn from people of diverse cultural backgrounds. The University offers a wealth of extra-curricular activities and life-enhancing experiences to enrich your university experience, and with more than 50 Clubs and Societies at UAUEU, there is no shortage of opportunities to have fun outside of lectures and to make friends. UAUEU's campus is a real community with multiple cafés and restaurants, retail and banking facilities, bright, modern campus residences, and exceptional athletic and recreational facilities.

6

A Magnificent New Campus

The new UAUEU campus features the most modern architecture, zones for specialized research centers, cutting edge IT network infrastructure, classrooms and labs that feature the latest equipment and instructional technology to enhance student learning, an expansive library offering vast physical and electronic resources, and two world class health clubs equipped with latest fitness equipment, two Olympic sized swimming pools, as well as tennis, basketball, and badminton courts.

7

Cutting-Edge Research

The UAUEU is the nation's premier research university. We not only transmit knowledge to our students, but through our Colleges and research centers we create new knowledge, developing new treatments for cancer, new technology for addressing the world's energy needs, new techniques for increasing the global food supply, and each year our historians and archaeologists discover new information about history, the accomplishments, and the culture of people from this part of the world. As a UAUEU student, you will have the opportunity to work side by side with internationally known research faculty on these exciting projects.

8

Community Outreach

As the UAE's national University, UAUEU recognizes the responsibility of the University and our graduates to contribute to the wellbeing of the broader community. We encourage our students and staff to give back to the community through civic engagement, public service, and research. The University helps students connect with volunteer and community service organizations in the student's particular area of interest.

9

Choice

No university in the nation provides as many academic choices as UAUEU. The University offers 63 undergraduate and 67 graduate programs across a broad range of disciplines, including business, economics, education, engineering, food and agriculture, humanities, the social sciences, IT, law, medicine and health sciences, and the natural sciences. Many of our degree programs are unique to UAUEU, and many of them are offered in unique combinations. Whatever your interests, talents, and goals, UAUEU has a program to match.

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