



جامعة الإمارات العربية المتحدة  
United Arab Emirates University

**UAEU**



# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

2013 / 2014

**WELCOME To**  
United Arab Emirates

**Success**  
Excellence  
Living  
Inspired  
Learning  
Opportunity  
Develop  
National University  
Research Intensive

**Quality**  
Leader  
Learn  
Graduate  
Excel  
Choice  
Innovation  
Degree  
Achieve

**University**  
Creativity  
Flagship  
Your Future  
Career  
High-Tech  
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 — an 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 educational research.

If you aspire to become a classroom teacher, special educator, school principal, policy analyst, or educational 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 efforts.

I invite you to explore our website and encourage you to visit us. 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.

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 and methods of instruction, foundations of education, physical education and special education. The college offers undergraduate degrees to prepare teachers in the primary grades, master's 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 attitudes 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 in Early Childhood Education
  - Bachelor of Education in Elementary Education (Islamic Studies and Arabic Language)
  - Bachelor of Education in Elementary Education (Mathematics and Science)
  - Bachelor of Education in Elementary Education (Social Studies and Civics)
  - Bachelor of Education in Elementary Education (English Language)
  - Bachelor of Education in Special Education (Mild/Moderate Disabilities)
  - Bachelor of Education in Special Education (Gifted and Talented)

- MASTER'S PROGRAMS:**
- Master of Education - Educational Leadership
  - Master of Education - Special Education
  - Master of Education - Curriculum & Instruction:
  - English
  - Arabic
  - Islamic Studies
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Social Studies

- PHD PROGRAM:**
- Doctor of Philosophy



# 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 150 or above in the CEPA English exam and successfully pass the CEPA math 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, the UAEU Admission Office or NAPO.

Success at UAEU requires proficiency in both Arabic and English. 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. Your placement in an appropriate level of UFP course will depend on your scores 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 minimum TOEFL score of 500 or 61 IBT
  - A minimum IELTS score of 5.0

- ▶ Pass placement tests in mathematics (algebra and pre-calculus), computer technology and Arabic
- ▶ 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, 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, governmental and private schools and special needs centers.



## UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN 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 developing and planning curricula in an appropriate environment for younger learners and in building educational theories that will enhance the student teacher's future work with young children and their families.

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

### BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN 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 setting. During the four year 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 to meet their students' needs.

The Elementary Education Program provides prospective teachers with a practical understanding of a child's

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 the academic, emotional, physical and social support necessary for development and growth. The program gives students the opportunity to select a specialized track within various areas of elementary education. These tracks include Islamic studies and Arabic, mathematics and science, English, and social studies and civics.

### BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN 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 student teachers interested in providing services to students with special needs. The program provides students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes 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 students the opportunity to select a specialized track within the various areas of special education. These tracks include mild/moderate disabilities, gifted and talented education, sensory impairments and severe disabilities.



# GRADUATE INFORMATION



## MASTER’S PROGRAM

### Master of Education

The College of Education offers a Master’s of Education Program to improve the performance of teachers, schools leaders and other educational professionals. This program has been designed based on the best international standards, to meet the needs and aspirations of teachers, principals and others in education who are eager to improve and update their professional status.

The program provides candidates with the latest knowledge and skills. In addition, they are trained 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 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 and instruction methods with specializations 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 or its equivalent from an accredited university recognized by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Or, a Bachelor's degree in a non-education major or its equivalent from an accredited university recognized by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, plus a minimum of two years of documented teaching and/or educational administration experience.
- ▶ A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent, in all undergraduate work.
- ▶ A score of at least 6.0 on the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Academic exam or equivalent, for all disciplines delivered predominantly in English. This test score must be less than two years old at the time of application, with the following exceptions:
  - A native speaker of English who has completed his/her undergraduate education in an English-medium institution and in a country where English is the official language; or
  - An applicant with an undergraduate degree from an English-medium institution who can provide evidence of acquiring a minimum TOEFL score of 500 on the paper-based test, or its equivalent, at the time of admission to his/her undergraduate program.
- ▶ Successfully pass an interview with the College of Education Faculty Committee.
- ▶ Three letters of professional reference either from a previous employer and/or educator.

Under certain conditions admission into a Master's program may be granted if the GPA or the IELTS score is less than the minimum requirement. These requirements are subject to the general university criteria for admission to graduate programs and may be updated regularly.

*\* 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 are based on the followings:

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

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Master's of Education Program offers a thesis and non-thesis option. 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 courses, 6 credit hours of elective courses and 6 credit hours of research leading to a thesis or non-thesis (Master's Professional Portfolio). Students must successfully defend their M.Ed. thesis or professional portfolio in an oral exam.

## PHD PROGRAM

The College of Education offers a Doctor of Philosophy. The PhD program was developed to achieve UAEU's ambition 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 the attitudes necessary to be successful researchers. This will be acquired through offering courses, seminars and independent study. 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 from an accredited university recognized by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, in an area appropriate to the academic area to which application is being made.
- ▶ A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent, in undergraduate or previous graduate programs at an accredited university recognized by the UAE Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
- ▶ A score of 6.5 or higher on the IELTS Academic exam, or equivalent, for all disciplines in which the main language of instruction is English or where the dissertation must be written in English. This test score must be less than two years old at the time of application.
- ▶ Two letters of recommendation from professionals familiar with the student’s academic work.
- ▶ 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 applicants for admission.

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

FEE STRUCTURE

The total tuition and application fees for the PhD program are AED 144,200 and are based on the following:

- ▶ AED 2,400 per credit hour (60 credit hours minimum)
- ▶ AED 200 registration fees

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

Students must successfully complete 60 credit hours of which 30 credit hours are assigned to dissertation research. Students must also achieve a minimum GPA of 3.3 and successfully defend their thesis in an oral exam.

| PhD Degree Requirements           | Credit Hours |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| General Requirements              | 9            |
| Research Methodology Requirements | 9            |
| Specialization Requirements       | 9            |
| Elective Requirements             | 3            |
| Dissertation Research             | 30           |
| Total                             | 60           |

“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, graduates 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 by enriching the faculty and students' research activities by supporting interdepartmental or interdisciplinary collaboration, 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. 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 learn about current research, engage in research discussions, develop research proposals, and undertake research projects and theses through their research, seminars and courses.

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 (founded in 1981) is proud to be the first college in the nation to prepare educational leaders, principals and teachers to work in educating UAE students. 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 educational awarding bodies to consult 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 Remedy Unit) such as: hands-on workshops on instrumentation and the rehabilitation of students with hearing loss. The department also conducts workshops on occupational therapy, report writing, phonetic transcription, documentation, vocal laryngeal massage and vocal function exercises.

# WHY CHOOSE UAEU?

1

## **Excellence**

At UAEU we focus on the quality of the learning experience for each student. UAEU'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, UAEU 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 UAEU as number one in the nation and number 370 in the world. QS also includes UAEU 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. 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**

UAEU 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 UAEU, there is no shortage of opportunities to have fun outside of lectures and to make friends. UAEU'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 UAEU 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. There is also an expansive library offering vast physical and electronic resources, 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 UAEU is the nation's premier research university. We not only transmit knowledge to our students, but through our colleges and research centers we help to create new knowledge, work on developing new treatments for cancer, produce new technology for addressing the world's energy needs and develop new techniques for increasing the global food supply. Each year our historians and archaeologists help to discover and assess historical artifacts concerning the accomplishments and culture of the people from this part of the world. As a UAEU student, you will have the opportunity to work side by side with internationally known research faculty on these exciting projects.

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## **Community Outreach**

As the UAE's national university, UAEU 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.

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## **Choice**

No university in the nation provides as many academic choices as UAEU. 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 UAEU, and many of them are offered in unique combinations. Whatever your interests, talents, and goals, UAEU has a program to match.

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