

# College of Education Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Our college now offers incollaboration with Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority

> in Early Childhood

#### **Program Description**

Early development happens faster than at any other stage in life. It is vital that educators and those working with young children know how to provide the best support for physical, intellectual, psychological, and social development. The MEd in Early Childhood prepares students to lead the way in evidence based practice to meet the needs of young children.

#### **Program Rationale**

It is accepted in the field that the early childhood period sets the stage for all future development across the lifespan. Experiences and development in the early years has a profound impact on the child's social, academic and psychological future development, being, in effect, the building block for future success. As such, it is essential that those working in early childhood are appropriately skilled to facilitate children's optimal development.

#### **Program Objectives**

- 1. Prepare competent teacher educators and professionals in ECE
- Provide periodic refresher training for practicing teacher educators and ECE personnel working in leadership positions
  - 3. Institutionalize greater professionalism in ECE teacher education
- 4. Prepare personnel for monitoring, mentoring and supervising ECE practitioners









# Program Degree Requirements Total Credit Hours (CH): 36

Required Courses (9.00 CH)

Elective Courses (6.00 CH) Specialization Courses (15.00 CH)

Thesis
preparation
or masters
graduation
project
(6.00 CH)

## **Admission Requirements**

- A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent, in all undergraduate work.
- A Bachelors degree or equivalent from an accredited university, or a Bachelors degree in a non-education major or 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 score of at least 6.0 on the IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

    Academic exam or equivalent. This test score must be less than two years old at the time of application.
    - Successfully pass an interview with the College of Education faculty committee.
    - Three letters of professional reference from previous employers and/or educators.

### Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Scholarship Program (All Nationalities)

The United Arab Emirates University is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships to eligible students awarded from Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority

To apply for the scholarships, please visit the <u>link</u>.



