SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Doctor of Philosophy (Education)

PhD (Education) is specifically geared for professional practitioners in education from public or private schools, community or government agencies, training departments, institutions of higher education and other education-related settings, aspiring to be researchers.

Learning Objectives

- Enhance knowledge of theory, developments and practices in the selected specialisation.
- Enhance ability to create conceptual systems that reflect synthesis, coherence and extension of knowledge about education.
- Provide opportunities to engage in academic research, scholarship, systematic inquiry, communicate and evaluate research.
- Enhance ability to understand, utilise and interpret basic principles and methodologies of educational research and data analysis.
- Enhance understanding of computer technology and its applications in educational settings.
- Provide a graduate experience that is intellectually stimulating, professionally relevant, leading to research that supports decision making and problem solving around the key issues facing the six areas of education.

Entry Requirements

- Possess a Master’s Degree in Education.
- Possess a Master’s Degree in non-educational fields and teaching or related experience for a period of 2 years.
- Other qualifications recognised by AeU Senate.

Highlights

- Accredited by Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), Ministry of Higher Education.
- No proposal is needed at the point of entry.
- Transfer of candidature is possible.
- Supervised by local or international supervisor that suits your research needs.
- Supported with research workshops, research colloquia and research clinics.
- Close monitoring process is our main focus.

Mode of delivery: Student can choose to pursue this programme FULLY ONLINE or BLENDED MODE where face-to-face tutorials are provided in our Learning Centres.
1. When are the intakes?
   • Anytime.

2. How do you apply?
   • Go to our website: www.aeu.edu.my
   • Click on “Apply Online”
   • Submit the form

3. How is the grading system for postgraduate programmes?
   For PhD (Education) there is no coursework but candidates are expected to go through several stages of research phases. Research work is graded either as Satisfactory ‘S’ or Unsatisfactory ‘U’. No point value is given to the research work.

4. How frequently do I need to be in contact with my supervisor?
   As frequently as you can but you are advised to have at least 3 meetings per semester.

5. Am I able to embark on a research area other than the ones listed?
   Yes. We shall assist you to suit your research interest.

6. If I have done some initial work for my research at a previous institution, can I transfer it to AeU?
   Yes, you are allowed to apply for transfer of candidature and continue your research work subject to Senate approval.

7. Can I maintain my supervisor(s) from my previous institution to complete my research?
   Yes, with approval from AeU Senate.

RESEARCH AREAS

A) Curriculum & Instruction
Teaching and learning theory, curricular designs, school improvement, student achievement, social science subjects, nursing education, teacher education and reflective practices.

B) Educational Psychology
Cognitive development, learning & metacognition, personality, attitudes & beliefs behaviour modification and counselling.

C) Instructional Technology
Computer-mediated communication, computer based instruction, web-based learning, instructional systems design and collaborative online learning.

D) Language & Literacy
Discourse analysis, language & gender, teaching reading & writing, critical literacies, bilingual education, literature.

E) Mathematics & Science Education
Children learning of mathematics and science, misconceptions in science, problem solving in mathematics, constructivism & mathematics, technology in teaching mathematics & science, numeracy issues.

F) Educational Management & Leadership
Interrelated societal and organisation dimensions of educational institutions, undertake research in policy, bureaucracy & devolution, professional development, leadership.

Audit Subjects
• Research Methodology
• Quantitative Data Analysis
• Qualitative Data Analysis

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PROGRAMME FACTS

- Full Time: ✓
- Part Time: ✓
- Fully Online: ✓
- Blended Learning: ✓
- 3 - 4 years
- 12 (1 Semester is 3 months)
- Once a month - Saturday & Sunday
- Provided by AeU
- KPT/JPS (KN 9152) 1/14, PA 9152
- YES

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