

AeU's winner in Master of Education shares his experience

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KOTA KINABALU: Education is growing in importance globally and in Malaysia. Opportunities are increasing whilst competition for entry into degree programs is also intensifying.

Today, a Master's degree has become essential for continuous personal development and ca-

reer advancement in teaching and related careers. It is ideal for graduates working in nurseries, schools, colleges, universities, health care, commercial institutions and those supporting non-formal learning as well as education leaders and policy makers.

Fuelled by market needs,

Asia e University (AeU) offers a two-year Master of Education (MEd) Degree Programme with 10 specialisations to choose from - Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), Nursing Education, Early Childhood Education, Educational Psychology, Instructional Technology, Edu-

cational Management, Science Education, Educational Assessment & Evaluation, Curriculum & Instruction and Higher Education Teaching. The objective of this programme is to update knowledge and specialised skills to enhance the individual's professional career.

Mr. Liew Chee Foh, a Chairman Award winner of AeU's 5th Convocation 2015, works as a full-time tutor in the Medical Assistant Training Programme. He served in public health care services before embarking on training of allied health personnel. He holds a BSc (Hons) in Health Care and BSc (Hons) in Health Science, both by distance learning mode. Currently he is the Head of Medical Assistant Programme at Allied Health Science College, Kota Kinabalu.

His advanced academic journey began after a visit to an education fair with his children in 2013.

Attracted by AeU's unique flexible blended mode of course delivery in the MEd programme which best fit his busy work schedule and family commitments, Liew Chee Foh who is an AeU alumnus in Med decided to take up the challenge.

"I appreciate AeU's effort to prioritise students' conve-

nience. Learning centres are made available to students in both urban and sub-urban localities. The myPLS is very user-friendly with easy access to online modules and even completed assignments are sent for assessment with ease.

"AeU's e-library facilities have huge collections of reference and learning materials which helped in my research. AeU also offers the most affordable course fees without compromising on the quality of its programme," he said.

His choice of MEd had been beneficial as he could apply the knowledge gained to his work and enhance the quality of the allied health personnel training.

"I firmly believe that working adults out there would stand to gain enormous benefits and fulfil their dreams of further education through this unique mode of course deliver. I have plans to further my studies in PhD soon," he said.

The MEd programme assessments include two assignments (60%) and examination (40%). Delivery of programme is either fully-online or blended learning (a combination of face to face tutorials and online learning) where students can choose according to their lifestyles. Tutorial sessions which are con-

ducted by qualified and experienced Academic Facilitators are only commencing during weekends, once a month.

"Our MEd programme equips students with relevant theory and practice to function in a global society and teach effectively in culturally and socially diverse classrooms. Graduate programmes offered provide opportunities for advanced study and research towards the development of innovative responses to the challenges of 21st century education," said Prof. Dr. John Arul Phillips, Dean of the School of Education & Cognitive Sciences (SECS) at AeU.

"Soon after the graduation, graduates are ready to assume instructional and curriculum leadership roles in their respective educational institutions.

This is targeted as the programme's learning outcomes that we have specially designed to intensify graduate's competency in teaching and enrich their leadership skill to further navigate and fulfil the education needs"

"Having students from diverse range of educational backgrounds, this programme is highly flexible and able to accommodate candidates from all levels of working backgrounds," he adds.