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What is ACUE ?

The Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) offers the only teaching certification endorsed by the American Council on Education. Certifying faculty in ACUE's Effective Teaching Practice Framework is proven to propel students' success, increase retention of first-year students, and lower DFW rates.



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Achievements of FAU Faculty in the ACUE program

Achievement	#
Certificates in the Effective Teaching Practice earned	112
Advanced Certificates in the Effective Teaching Practice earned	3
Course badges earned	585
Unique Users	322
Completion rate for closed programs	95%



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Certificate in Effective Teaching Practice Framework

To obtain this certificate, you need to complete one of the two ACUE flagship pathways: Effective Teaching Practices or Effective Online Teaching Practices, which include four courses in their curricula.

Alternatively, you can choose to complete four separate courses or micros, which cover the essential topics:

1. Designing Learner-Centered Courses
2. Promoting Active Learning
3. Inspiring Inquiry and Preparing Lifelong Learners
4. Creating a Productive Learning Environment.

The certificate demonstrates knowledge of and skill in implementing teaching practices that promote student success. Certificate holders typically have invested at least 50 hours to meet course requirements.



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Advanced Certificate in Effective Teaching Practice Framework

To earn this certificate, you need to complete all courses, which is equivalent to completing Effective Teaching Practices and Effective Online Teaching Practices pathways.

These two pathways have one course in common: Designing Learner-Centered Courses, which will count towards both the Full and Advanced Certificates.

The Advanced Certificate demonstrates a deep commitment to student success. Certificate holders typically have invested at least 100 hours to meet course requirements.



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Testimonials On The Efficacy Of ACUE From FAU Faculty Members

Stella Quintero
Instructor
Hospitality & Tourism Management
FAU College of Business

“There are many [aha moments] but perhaps the most significant was from one of the videos when the speaker described how our content might be the same and what we teach does not change much in some cases but the students and the way they learn has changed and we must provide teaching strategies and approach that is relevant and current so the learning experience delivers what it should.”



Katarina Brant, Ph.D.

Instructor

FAU College of Business

“The ACUE program has been instrumental in transforming my approach to teaching in both virtual and traditional classroom settings. Engaging with a series of ACUE courses, I've delved deep into the intricacies of higher education, gleaning valuable insights tailored for each teaching format.

In the realm of online instruction, I've learned techniques to foster authentic engagement and collaboration, bridging the inherent challenges of distance learning. For in-person classes, the strategies imparted have reinvigorated the classroom atmosphere, leading to more dynamic and enriching interactions.

At Florida Atlantic University, irrespective of the mode of delivery, the positive impact of the ACUE program resonates in the enhanced learning experiences of my students and the appreciative feedback I receive. For educators aspiring to thrive in the evolving educational landscape, the comprehensive offerings of ACUE are truly unparalleled.”



Sigal Rubin, MSCCJ

Senior Instructor & Field Experience Coordinator

FAU School of Criminology & Criminal Justice

“My journey with ACUE was filled with numerous insightful moments, but one "aha moment" that particularly resonated with me was when I discovered the concept of "Grit and Resilience" in teaching. ACUE emphasized the importance of helping students build resilience, which extends far beyond academic success.

As educators, we have the unique opportunity to instill in our students the resilience they need to face life's challenges. The realization that our role goes beyond imparting subject matter knowledge to nurturing a growth mindset and tenacity in our students was truly transformative.

This "aha moment" has had a profound impact, not only on my teaching approach but also on how I mentor and guide my students. I've witnessed them become more determined, adaptable, and resourceful, not only in their coursework but in their personal lives. ACUE has given me the tools and knowledge to be a more holistic educator, equipping my students to thrive in the face of adversity. I am deeply grateful to ACUE for this invaluable insight and the positive change it has brought to my teaching and the lives of my students.”





“What I enjoyed the most about the ACUE courses was that each course gave you a chance to take what you were learning and apply it directly to a course you were currently teaching. In a sense it was a form of experiential learning because I was able to test out new research-based pedagogical approaches in my courses and not only get feedback from my students but also my fellow faculty members in the course.

The other things I enjoyed about the ACUE courses was the ability to take classes with my fellow FAU faculty members. The weekly discussion boards in each course not only allowed me to build more collegiality amongst my FAU colleagues but it also allowed me to learn some of their best practices & new approaches. Overall, if you are interested in improving student engagement and success in any of your courses, I would highly encourage you to take one or all 4 of the ACUE courses FAU has to offer. You won't be disappointed, and neither will your students.”

Jonathan Sweet, Ph.D.
Senior Instructor
Info Tech & Ops Mgmt. Dept
FAU College of Business



“I believe the best teachers never stop learning. Education is more than earning the degrees. It is the recognition that there is always more to think about and another path to consider. ACUE courses helped me enhance my online teaching skills and learn about instructional methods to improve student achievement, close equity gaps, and promote student engagement and persistence.”

Masoud Lashaki

Assistant Professor and Graduate Program

Director/Coordinator

**Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatics
Engineering**

FAU College of Engineering and Computer Science

Elizabeth Kennedy

*Director, University Advising
Services*

FAU University Advising Services

“My ACUE instruction reinforced the importance of establishing learning objectives and designing learning-centered assignments which provide a clear path to success. In each module, I was able to identify ways to better support student learning both in traditional and virtual settings. An emphasis on developing life-long learners was evident.”



Anna Agapova, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar
Award, 2021-2022
Department of Finance
FAU College of Business

“I want to say that I am an experienced instructor with more than 25 years of teaching experience, with 16 of those years at FAU. However, I realize every day that there is always room for improvement. That realization became more apparent to me after I completed several ACUE micro-courses and received ACUE certification in Effective College Instruction.

I incorporated many teaching and assessment methods and pedagogy that I learned in those ACUE courses in my classes. I believe that the most effective and exemplary teaching practice that I have incorporated is the use of real data and simulated real life experiences that engages students’ participation with each other and the course and teaches the students practical skills beyond learning concept given in the course.

Completion of ACUE courses was specifically helpful in my online teaching, which requires an additional effort to engage students. I was recognized for effective online teaching with the 2023 FAU Online Faculty Award.”





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Upcoming ACUE courses or micros

Spring 2024 Micros - Open for Registration
March-May 2024

- Designing Learner-Centered Courses
- Creating a Productive Online Learning Environment

Summer 2024 Micros - call for registration
coming soon

May 2 - June 30, 2024

- Creating a Productive Learning Environment
- Promoting Active Learning

To register, go to
<https://portal.acue.org/pages/fau> click on
apply now, enter your email address, and a
verification code will be sent to you via email
enabling you to register

