

## FAQ's

### **When was ECAE established?**

ECAE was established by President H. H. Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan in 2007.

### **What programs are offered at the College?**

A four-year Bachelor of Education Program (B Ed), enabling graduates to teach in government schools at the KG and Grades 1 – 5 level. It is open to both Emirati and eligible Ex-pats.

### **Does ECAE offer a Foundation Program?**

A one-year Foundation Program is offered for Emirati students who fall just below our admissions criteria for the B Ed Program.

### **Does ECAE offer a Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) Program?**

Not at this time, but it may in the future. ECAE has previously offered a PGDE.

### **I am a recent high school graduate. What do I need to apply to ECAE?**

- You need at least a minimum CEPA score of 175 (or equivalent), and a grade average of 75% (or equivalent)
- Emirati students from an English-medium private school must have a graduating English grade of B. If they have not achieved a grade of B, they may be required to take an English placement test and/or attend an interview
- Selected Emirati students who do not fulfill the criteria above may be eligible to enter the Foundations Program

### **I graduated high school a while ago. What do I need to apply to ECAE?**

At least 5.0 (with no skill less than 4.5) on an Academic IELTS, or 73 on an Internet-based TOEFL. You may also be required to take an English placement test and/or attend an interview. The result will determine if you enter Foundations or B Ed.

### **I have studied/am currently studying at another college/university. Can I transfer?**

You must provide a transcript from the college/university when you apply for admission to ECAE. You may also be required to take an English placement test and/or attend an interview.

### **Where can I take the IELTS exam?**

You will need to contact the British Council to book an appointment.

Tel: +97126658778, email: [auh.information@ae.britishcouncil.org](mailto:auh.information@ae.britishcouncil.org)

### **Is ECAE a certified IELTS testing center?**

Not at this time.

### **How much does it cost to attend ECAE?**

There are no fees for tuition. The College offers a 100% tuition-free scholarship and a free laptop. Emirati students also receive a monthly stipend. (This may also apply to Ex-pat students.) Accommodation is offered for those living outside Abu Dhabi.

### **Are ECAE's programs accredited?**

ECAE is in the final stages of gaining accreditation with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

### **What nationalities are enrolled at ECAE?**

Currently all students are Emirati; however, ECAE will be accepting qualified expatriate students for the 2011-2012 academic year. Those interested should provide their information to ECAE's Admission Office.

### **Whom should I contact if I am interested in attending ECAE?**

Musanada will pass on your details to the ECAE Admissions Office. Once ECAE receives your information, you will be contacted within one week. You may also call Musanada directly: +9712 5099833, or email: [admissions@ecae.ac.ae](mailto:admissions@ecae.ac.ae)

**Who teaches at ECAE?**

ECAE hires highly qualified, experienced faculty from all over the world.

**What is the language of instruction?**

Most classes are taught in English.

**When can I join ECAE?**

All new students begin their studies in September.

**Can I attend part-time?**

All programs are full-time.

**Where is ECAE located?**

ECAE is currently in Um Al Naar, Abu Dhabi, next to the Maqta Bridge. Please refer to the map on our website: [www.ecae.ac.ae](http://www.ecae.ac.ae), or call for directions: +9712509 9999.

**Does ECAE have a campus outside Abu Dhabi?**

Not at this time.

**Does ECAE offer transportation?**

Yes, if you are eligible for student accommodation.

**Are campus tours or “open days” available?**

Campus tours and open days are scheduled throughout the year. To visit the College, please email [admissions@ecae.ac.ae](mailto:admissions@ecae.ac.ae).

**Are there any special activities planned for students?**

There are a multitude of activities, clubs, and celebrations at ECAE, such as drama, language, arts, sports, fashion, culture, debating, film, festivals, and off-campus trips to name a few.

**What services are available to help students succeed?**

ECAE's classrooms and communal areas are equipped with the latest teaching-aid technologies and free WIFI. There is a Learning Resource Centre and a modern Library. Counselors and advisors are on hand to assist students in their academic and personal lives.