

AeU offers Festive Special fees for two online programmes

KUCHING: Asia e University (AeU) is offering a Festive Special fees for an Online MEd programme at RM11,880 (all inclusive) while it is RM14,800 (all inclusive) for the Online MBA programme.

Either one can be completed within 18 months, according to a press release.

Through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL), working adults can now attain recognition for their work experience and life skills for the purpose of admission into institutions of higher learning.

Applicants must, however, meet the criteria that have been set by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to qualify for APEL. Those who qualify is subjected to APEL assessment conducted by MQA, which leads to the granting of access into a programme. APEL is currently only open to Malaysians.

To-date, AeU has enrolled more than 1,000 learners based on the strength of their work experience. AeU's APEL initiative entails the award of academic credits based on assessment of prior learning.

Learners who can provide evidence of learning regardless of its source, time and form will be assessed through various means such as the Challenge Test and Portfolio Assessment. Successful learners will then be awarded with course credits. This enables learners to save cost as they can complete their studies faster but more importantly, it minimises learning redundancies.

"Through its AeU APEL, prospective students can pursue tertiary studies on the strength of their learning acquired at the workplace. This practice is widespread in many developed countries but the trend is only now catching up in Malaysia," said AeU president/chief executive officer Professor Dato' Dr Ansary Ahmed.

"Those who gained university admission via AeU APEL generally perform better because the work experience provides added value to their studies. With experience comes maturity and these students tend to be good at prioritising, balancing and managing tasks and dealing with peers and lecturers," he said.



Students register at AeU new campus in Subang Jaya.

Online, open and distance education differs from conventional study as it leverages greatly on technology in the delivery of programmes and, in teaching and learning.

Also, online learning is not easier than conventional study as students need to be self-motivated, self-disciplined and strong willed to succeed. These are the unique characters of online learners.

"Candidates planning to pursue a Bachelor's degree must be at least 21 years old while those taking the Master's degree must be at least 35 years old on the year of application. Master's degree candidates must also possess a minimum of a STPM/Diploma/A Levels or the equivalent qualification," he added.

With the world now becoming a global village, online education

has made it possible for everyone to further their studies, irrespective of whether they are fulltime workers, military personnel, retirees or if they are living in rural or isolated regions.

"Conventional universities will always exist but the online learning is becoming a major contributor to the community. Although working adults from the majority of those pursuing their

studies via open and distance mode, organisations, too, are beginning to use the online model to train their professionals."

"As industries evolve, so do the workers. Corporations are constantly looking at innovative ways to raise productivity and enhance the bottom line. This requires competent employees who can perform to the expectation of their employers. It is possible that in the foreseeable future, work and study will go hand-in-hand as employees continue to seek new skills to keep up with the rapid changes in the workplace," he said.

AeU admission for its Master's and Bachelor's programmes are accessible through regular entry and flexible entry via APEL for candidates who are lacking in paper qualification requirements. For APEL, candidates are assessed by their prior learning and work experiences to compensate for the lack of regular requirements.

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