



## **FAQ:**

### **Q: I do not have any experience in teaching Arabic, can I apply?**

**A:** Unfortunately, no. This certificate is for Arabic teachers who are currently teaching at a school. It is an in-service program for upscaling the qualifications of experienced teachers. It is not a pre-service program to gain the foundations of teaching Arabic.

### **Q: I have experience in teaching Arabic, but currently I am not working at a school, can I apply?**

**A:** The program of the certificate includes practical implementation of the newly learned knowledge and skills in the classroom. It also includes a practicum and requires two class observations. It is required that participants in the program are teaching in a school to be able to fulfill the requirements.

### **Q: Does the certificate lead to earning university credits?**

**A:** Upon completion of the program requirements, you will receive a certificate in The Teaching of Arabic signed by the Arabic Institute of Excellence at ACS Abu Dhabi and the Education Department at the American University of Beirut. The certificate does not earn you university credit yet. Should you choose to continue with a Master's degree in Education at AUB, earning the certificate will definitely support your application.

### **Q: What is the difference between the Certificate in Teaching Arabic and a Teaching Diploma?**

**A:** The Certificate in Teaching Arabic is an in-service program. You can earn it while working at a school. The goal of the certificate is not to introduce you to the craft of teaching or give you strategies on how to teach Arabic. The certificate is designed for Arabic teachers who are currently practicing teaching. It is meant to provide them with an opportunity to grow professionally as change agents and designers of innovative initiatives in the field of teaching Arabic. Participants in the certificate program will not receive answers to how to teach, instead they will be given the tools to find solutions and lead change in the teaching of Arabic.

**Q: Can I apply to the program as an individual teacher?**

**A:** It is highly recommended that school teams join the program. However, if this is not possible and you want to join the program, please apply. We will accept individual applicants on a case by case basis.

**Q: What will the certificate program cost me?**

**A:** The certificate program is \$1620 per participant, excluding the flight, accommodation, and transportation expenses for the orientation day at the beginning of the program, the two-day completion and the celebration days at the end of the program.

**Q: Would ACS help me find accommodation to attend the orientation day and the completion days?**

**A:** Yes, we will. We will share with you a list of possible options to choose from.