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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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ACUE Certificate Recipients 2025

(* indicates receipt of Advanced Credential)

- Adrian Finucane- Associate Prof. History – Arts and Letters
- Ai Beng Radulovic- Senior Instructor- Math- College of Science
- Alisa Greenberg- Senior Instructor- Math- College of Science
- Ana Suarez Dugand-* Instructor- LLCL- Arts and Letters
- Anastasia Vilderson- PhD Candidate- College of Business
- Andy Santana- IT specialist
- Ann Branaman- Professor, Sociology- Arts and Letters
- Ann Root-* Senior Instructor, College of Business
- Ana Agapova-* -Associate Professor, Finance, College of Business
- Annette LaRocco- Associate Professor, Political Science- Arts & Letters
- Austen Canonica* - Adjunct Instructor- College of Business
- Bryan Dunne- Adjunct Instructor- History- Arts and Letters
- Carla Thomas- Assistant Prof. of English- Arts and Letters
- Cheryl Burke Jarvis* - Professor, Marketing- College of Business
- Chitra Chandrasekhar- Senior Instructor, Chemistry, College of Science
- Claudia Amadori- Senior Instructor, English, College of Arts and Letters
- Claudia Dunlea- Senior Instructor, History, College of Arts and Letters
- Cynthia Carrico*- Instructor, SCMS, College of Arts and Letters
- Daniel Meeroff*- Professor, Engineering- College of Science
- Debarshi Datta*- Asst. Prof. – College of Nursing
- Diana Torres- Adjunct Instructor- Languages- College of Arts and Letters
- Dorothea Trotter- Instructor, English- College of Arts and Letters
- Heather LaJoie*- Adjunct, Exercise Science
- Elijah St. Germain- Instructor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science
- Elizabeth Starling- Instructor, Physics- College of Science
- Emily Ann Cimillo* - Budget Manager- Math- College of Science
- Erin Kiley* - Senior Instructor, English- College of Arts and Letters
- Erin Williams- Instructor Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science



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- Evan Bennett- Associate Prof., History- College of Arts and Letters
- Frank de la Torre* - Assoc. Dean, College of Social Work & Criminal Justice
- George Grunfeld- Senior Instructor- College of Business
- Gina Carreno-Lukasik- University Instructor, Sociology, College of Arts and Letters
- Gregory Bohan- Instructor, College of Business
- Jacqueline Fewkes- Student Support, Honors College
- Jacqueline Mullen- Instructor, English- College of Arts and Letters
- Jacquie Marshall- Associate Prof.- College of Nursing
- James White- Instructor, English- College of Arts and Letters
- Joseph Patton- Senior Instructor- College of Business
- Joy Longo* - Associate Professor- College of Nursing
- Judy Somers- Instructional Designer, COCE
- Katarina Brant*- Instructor, Management- College of Business
- Keiko Ito- Senior Instructor, Math- College of Science
- Kristen Gurdak- Visiting Asst. Prof. –Social Work & Criminal Justice
- Kristin Shockley- Senior Instructor, Political Science- Arts and Letters
- Kyndall Mammah- Assistant Professor- Nursing
- Lauren Gapczynski- Asst. Dir. & Program Manager, LEARN
- Lauren Salisbury- Instructor, English- Arts and Letters
- Maria Stadnik-Senior Instructor, Math- College of Science
- Mary Ann Gosser*- Professor, Languages- Arts and Letters
- Maxime Murray- Instructor, Math- College of Science
- Melissa Reiterer- Visiting Instructor, Biology- College of Science
- Michelle Papania*- Senior Instructor, Exercise Science
- Mya Jaradat- Adjunct Instructor, SCMS- College of Arts and Letters
- Neela Manage- Assoc. Prof., Economics- College of Business
- Nikki Chasteen- Instructor, English- College of Arts and Letters



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- Orin Kirshner- Univ. Instructor, Political Science- Coll. of Arts & Letters
- Ozlem Yavuz-Petrowski*- Instructor, Chemistry & Biochemistry
- Patricia Kollander* -Professor, History- College of Arts and Letters
- Patrick McLaughlin- Instructor- College of Social Work & Criminal Justice
- Paulette Chiravalle- Adjunct Instructor, College of Nursing
- Ricky Langlois*- Senior Instructor, College of Social Work & Criminal Justice
- Robin Larson- Instructor, Public Administration- College of Arts & Letters
- Shaina Rowell-Instructor, Psychology- Honors College
- Sharon Darling- Associate Professor, College of Education
- Shawn Backer- Instructor, College of Social Work & Criminal Justice
- Shernette Dunn- Adjunct Instructor, College of Education
- Sherrard Spiers- Adjunct Instructor, College of Business
- Sigal Rubin*- Senior Instructor, College of Social Work & Criminal Justice
- Skye Cervone- Instructor, English- College of Arts & Letters
- Sonia Rodriguez, Adjunct, Languages- College of Arts and Letters
- Soyoung Park*- Assistant Professor- College of Business
- Stella Quintero*- Instructor, College of Business
- Stephen Jones- Instructor, English- College of Arts and Letters
- Susan Dennett- Instructor, College of Business
- Tito Sempertegui- Senior Instructor, Chemistry- College of Science
- Tobin Hindle- Scientist, Geosciences- College of Science
- Todd McClure* - Instructor, Marketing- College of Business
- Uliana Filatova*- PhD Candidate- College of Business
- Victoria Fedden- Instructor, English- College of Arts and Letters
- Victoria Thur- Asst. Dean for Special Collections- Wimberly Library
- Yanmei Li- Assoc. Prof., Urban & Regional Planning- College of Science



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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, gleaned 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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The Road to ACUE Certification

- To receive full ACUE certification, faculty need to complete the micro or course-***Designing Learner Centered Courses*** plus three additional discrete ACUE micros:
 - --***Creating a Productive Learning Environment*** (either in your face-to-face courses or online)
 - --***Promoting Active Learning*** (either in your face-to-face courses or online)
 - --***Inspiring Inquiry and Preparing Lifelong Learners*** (either in your face-to-face courses or online)
- To receive the Advanced Credential: faculty need to complete all seven ACUE courses or micros, 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.





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ACUE micros from March 17 - May 4, 2025 - Open for Registration

- **Enrollees can begin work after they receive course invitation via email on February 27**
 - **Registration for these courses or micros will close on February 15, 2025**
- 1. **Designing Learner Centered Courses:** Learn evidence-based practices for designing more learner-centered course outcomes with aligned assessments, assignments, and learning experiences that prepare students for success. (18 spaces available)
- 2. **Creating a Productive Learning Environment online:** This micro or course teaches practices that enable course takers to create an optimal environment to support learning—including how to increase student engagement online, and how to help students persist in meeting academic challenges. (9 spaces available)
- 3. **Inspiring Inquiry and Preparing Lifelong Learners in face-to-face courses:** Modules in this course present practices for motivating students. Course takers learn how provide clear directions and explanations, how to integrate visualization tools, how to inspire student to be self-directed learners, and how to use data and feedback to improve teaching. (11 spaces available)
- 4. **Promoting Active Learning in face-to-face courses** --Modules in this course present practices for developing effective class sessions. They provide ways to use groups to ensure active learning and show how to plan and facilitate effective and engaging discussions. (3 spaces available)

To register, please go to: <https://portal.acue.org/pages/fau/> Click on "Apply now," enter your email address, and a verification code will be sent to your email prompting you to register. Please know that you can register for only one micro or course per term.

