

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN KUWAIT!

Buffalo State, SUNY (State University of New York) offers in Kuwait:

- Special Education **Certificate Program**
- **Master's Degree** Program in Multidisciplinary Studies

When?

The program starts in October 2008

Certificate completion date:	Spring 2009
Master's Degree completion date	Spring 2010

Where?

Fawzia Sultan International School, Hawally

What is the schedule for each course?

Each on-site course is 40 hours. Most classes place over 2 full weekends at 8 hours per day, plus 8 hours in evenings after school in the week between. A few classes meet on some weekday evenings for 4 hours.

What is the cost?

Application Fee: US \$50

Tuition: KD 185 (US \$ 690) per 3 credit hour course

How long will it take to complete the Certificate Program?

This program will take 1 year.

How long will it take to complete the SUNY Master's Degree program?

The program takes 2 years. However, the option to transfer in courses from other universities and the 3 online courses in the program make it possible for the student to complete some program requirements outside of Kuwait.

What courses will be given from October 2008 – May 2009?

<u>*EDF 611</u>	<u>Evaluation in Education</u>
<u>*EXE 502</u>	<u>Contingency Management</u>
<u>EDU 670</u>	<u>Principles of Curriculum Design</u>
<u>EDL 640</u>	<u>Conflict Resolution</u>
<u>EDF 689</u>	<u>Methods and Tech. Research (on line)</u>
<u>EDU 690</u>	<u>Master's Degree Projects</u>

(*Certificate Program Courses)

Who is eligible to apply?

Courses are available to anyone with a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited U.S. or non - U.S. college or university who meets the admissions criteria of Buffalo State, SUNY. You do not need a bachelor's degree in education or teaching experience to take either program.

Full admissions information is found on
<http://www.buffalostate.edu/ilsc/admission.xml>

What is the deadline for application?

January 7, 2007 (**after** the fall semester)

The fall semester deadline is after the fall semester has been completed! Students may participate in the fall semester courses while waiting for an admission decision with the understanding that credit for those courses can be applied towards the degree if, and only if, the student is accepted into the degree program.

Do I have to take any tests for admission?

No.

If you are not a native speaker of English, you must provide a recommendation from your principal or supervisor stating that you are capable **of studying and writing in English**.

What is the admissions process?

1. Completed Graduate Admission Application. (Some of the fields are already completed on the application for you.)
2. Completed Application Fee Payment Form and a \$50 U.S. non-refundable application fee. Acceptable methods of payment: money order, personal, certified or traveler's check made payable to Research Foundation of SUNY.
3. Sealed official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (including transfer schools). Each institution must send the transcript directly to the student. Students submit unopened transcript envelopes with other application materials.
4. Applicants who completed their undergraduate degrees from post-secondary schools where English was NOT the first language must submit a certified English translation of all official transcripts along with their official transcripts from that institution.
5. No applicant is required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
6. **Students Who Have Completed a Bachelor's Degree Outside the U.S.**
A degree evaluation is required for all students who have completed a bachelor's degree outside the United States. Applicants must submit photocopies of post-secondary diploma(s) to one of the following organizations for a document-by-document evaluation to determine equivalency to a U.S. bachelor's degree:
 - Joseph Silny and Associates
International Education Consultants
P.O. Box 248233
Coral Gables, FL 33124
Phone: (305) 666-0233
Fax: (305) 666-4133
Web site: <http://www.jsilny.com/>
 - World Education Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 745
Old Chelsea Station
New York, NY 10113-0745
Phone: (212) 966-6311
Fax: (212) 966-6395
Web site: www.wes.org

Applicants should contact the organization or visit its Web site to request or download an application. Completed applications should be returned to the organization with the required fees and credentials. The evaluation can take up to four weeks to complete after they have received all of your documents. The evaluation report should be mailed to:

**International Learning Styles Center, 430C South Wing
Buffalo State, State University of New York
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14222 USA**

Canadian applicants holding undergraduate degrees from Canadian colleges or universities should submit their official transcripts to our office. If those transcripts follow a system similar to that of the United States, they will be evaluated locally. If they are not similar, students will be required to comply with the above international student credential policy.

Can I transfer credit into Buffalo State SUNY's program from other universities or programs?

Yes. Potentially as many as **15 graduate-level credit hours** may be applied to the Multidisciplinary Degree Program. Transfer courses earned at another accredited institution must:

- be of equal scope and content to that offered by Buffalo State.
- be a coherent part of the required program of study and be approved by the student's program advisory committee and Dean of Graduate Studies.
- be completed within the six-year period immediately preceding the date of graduation.
- have a grade of A or B. Grades of S or P and grades below B are not acceptable for transfer.
- be equitable to 500-, 600- or 700-level graduate courses. Extension or continuing education course credits cannot be transferred into the degree program. Several universities offer extension or continuing education courses and students have mistakenly thought that the coursework was graduate level coursework. Extension or continuing education credits cannot be transferred into graduate degree programs at most institutions.

---Students whose transfer coursework is NOT from a U.S. or Canadian college or university must obtain a course-by-course evaluation from either Joseph Silny and Associates or World Education Services, Inc.

---Coursework taken to fulfill degree requirements for one master's degree or certificate of advanced study may not be applied toward another master's degree.

---Official transcripts of all transfer credit must be provided to the International Learning Styles Center.

---Six of your transfer credits may come from regional association conferences and workshops offered for credit by Buffalo State through AASSA, AISA, CEESA, EARCOS, MAIS, NESAS, and the Tri Association. Courses offered through the Principals' Training

Center (PTC), Teachers' Training Center (TTC) and AISH also can be used as part of your on site degree program.

Must I enroll in the Master's Degree or Certificate Program to take SUNY courses?

- All students must apply for admission to the Certificate or Master's Degree Program.
- You must decide whether you want to complete all of the coursework for the Master's Degree or the Certificate Program before you complete 12 graduate hours (4 courses). If you choose not to complete the degree or certificate, you can complete as many or as few courses as you wish for your personal or professional development.

(Please note that it will be necessary to give priority for spaces in each class to students who are working toward the Master's Degree and Certificate Programs.)

Are any online courses offered by SUNY?

There are no online courses in the Certificate program

Three courses in the Master's Degree program are offered online:

- EDC 672 The Microcomputer in the Instructional Program is an online course
- The last 2 courses of the Master's Degree Program, EDF 689 - Methods and Techniques of Research and EDU 690 - Master's Degree Project, are taught online. You may take these courses at the location of your Master's Degree Practicum.

Who teaches the SUNY courses?

The instructors are full time SUNY professors or adjunct professors. Professors are familiar with the unique needs of overseas educators. Some instructors are educators currently working overseas who have the credentials to be SUNY adjunct faculty, In this way, the program can utilize the talent within our community as well as experts in our area who may be consulting or providing professional development in this area.

Must I take all of the courses in Kuwait, or can I complete my SUNY Master's Degree or Certification Program elsewhere?

The Special Education Certification Program courses must be completed in Kuwait.

Master's Degree program students may transfer in a maximum of 15 credits from other accredited universities if the courses are approved by Buffalo State, SUNY.

Buffalo State, SUNY also offers graduate programs in 27 other countries, and through the Principals' Training Center and Teachers' Training Center in Miami and London. If appropriate non-core courses are being taught in those locations and there is room in the course(s), you may complete your coursework in these locations.

Is Buffalo State, SUNY a good school?

Buffalo State SUNY is the largest college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system and the system is the largest, most diverse multi-campus university in the United States. The college is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and by the Board of Regents, State University of New York. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits the professional education programs. NCATE sets the standards of excellence in teaching, and NCATE accreditation indicates that the university underwent rigorous external review by education professionals. Further, the Buffalo State, SUNY Special Education program, which is called Exceptional Education, is accredited by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

Can I get a U.S. state teacher certification if I enroll in the Master's Degree Program?

In the United States, only a state is authorized to give out such a certification. Check with your state's certification requirements to learn how the Buffalo State, SUNY Master's Degree Program applies.

How do I find out the requirements for state teacher certification in my state?

This information is available on <http://www.uky.edu/Education/TEP/usacert.html>

How do I get further information on these Buffalo State, SUNY programs?

Email or call Beth Chaffee pd@fawsec.com.kw (965) 262-0804 Ext. 611

Applications & Forms: <http://www.buffalostate.edu/ilsc/forms.xml>

<http://www.fawsec.com.kw>

SCHEDULE OF BUFFALO STATE, SUNY COURSES AT FAWZIA SULTAN SCHOOL 2008-09

- *October 10 – 18, 2008 EDU 534 The Holistic Curriculum: Teaching to Both Sides of the Brain
A useful paradigm of teaching and learning based on current neuroscience research in brain function: learning styles, memory, discipline, student motivation, attention, retention of new material. An eclectic instructional approach that encourages direct involvement and models many of the brain-compatible techniques promulgated in the theory. **Certificate Course**
- November 2008 (14/11- -21/11) EDL 640 Conflict Resolution
Conflict resolution in the school context: foundations of peacemaking; emotional intelligence; teaching tolerance; cooperative learning. Presents a model for incorporating peaceable school curricula into existing school programs.
- November 2008 (14/11-22/11) EDU 690 Master's Degree Projects
Production of a curriculum or research-based project on a topic of special interest to the student. The project must be approved by the instructor prior to execution. The final product must follow APA guidelines in its written form. Oral presentation required. **(For graduating students only.)**
- *January 16 – 23, 2009 CRS 585 Learning Styles Methods/Resources
Applying learning style processes to guide planning for creative and talent development; information and hands-on experience on documenting students' learning styles. **Certificate Course**

February 13 – 21, 2009

EXE 501 Educational Assessment Techniques
for Special Education.

Educational assessment used with individuals with disabilities: purposes, models, practices, and issues. Students design tests and collect and interpret data regarding particular educational decisions. **Certificate Course**

*March 20- 28, 2009

EXE 502 Contingency Management
Procedures and strategies for managing the behavior of students with special needs in educational settings; prevention of undesirable classroom behavior; assessment and remediation of behavior problems; effective delivery of instruction. **Certificate Course**

May 8 -16, 2009

EXE 503 Instructional Strategies for Individuals
with Mild Disabilities

Basic curricular concepts and teaching practices related to the development and implementation of effective instructional programs for students with disabilities. **Certificate Course**