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## **More than 90 academicians and researchers in “Experiential Education” Workshop**

Al Ain University of Science and Technology launched the Third Regional Faculty Development Workshop about the “Best Practices for Planning and Evaluation of Experiential Education” in Abu Dhabi Campus, which was organized by the AAU in collaboration with the Commission for Academic Accreditation - Ministry of Education, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) over two consecutive days.

The opening ceremony were attended by Prof. Badr Aboul- Ela, Director of the Commission for Academic Accreditation - Ministry of Education (Higher Education Affairs), Mr. Mike Rouse, Director, International Services (ACPE), Mr. John Ressler, Director of Academic Programs and Professional Development (AACP), Dr. Noor El Deen Atatreh, AAU Chancellor, Prof. Ghaleb El

Refae, AAU President, Deans of Pharmacies Colleges, in addition to more than 90 researchers and academicians from different universities of the region from inside and outside the country.

The workshop hosted a group of keynote speakers such as; Dr. Craig Cox, who discussed the learning outcomes in the experiential education curriculum, and Dr. Susan Vos, who emphasized the importance of aligning experiential education with the curriculum.

Prof. Aboul-Ela praised the AAU's role in organizing this workshop which develops the faculty skills, stressed on the importance of developing education to promote and strength the academic outputs to benefit the staff and students.

Dr. Atatreh stressed on the AAU's keenness to keep updated with the new development in the Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the continued progress in the pharmacy work. He added that this workshop is the base to qualify a pharmacist in Designing the structure of the introductory and advanced experiential education experiences.

For his part, Prof Al Refae, stressed on the importance of this workshop in creating an effective evaluation and assessment policy for your experiential education program which will positively impact students and achieve the vision of Al Ain University of Science and Technology to graduate a capable generation who can face the labor market challenges.

This workshop considered as the Third one organized by AAU in the field of faculty development, where the first workshop was about "about "Curricular Design and Delivery", the second one was about ""Assessment and Curriculum Mapping", In order to the third workshop to present the "Best Practices For Planning and Evaluation of Experiential Education, which aims to explain the importance of experiential education and its alignment with other curricular requirements and identify how to optimally prepare students, preceptors, and internship sites for experiential education.

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