Students Speak

The PDI materials focused on integrating English language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing and pronunciation. We used the labs for our writing sessions and the library for reading and research. Apart from working on academic issues, we also had a chance to participate in many academic and social events at the AUAF. For example, we visited the Afghanistan Cultural House, attended the Afghanistan Handicraft Exhibit which was held in Bagh Bar, plus other interesting cultural affairs.

Now that we are enrolled in the Foundation Studies Program, we find there are many connections between the PDI courses and FSP. In fact, if we hadn’t enrolled in PDI, we would probably have had problems in FSP. PDI classes helped us gain confidence, self-esteem and prepared us for university life.

Parwana Shams and Maryam Amini, former PDI students

How to Apply

There are no application requirements for PDI courses. You may contact the Administrative staff by phone to set up an appointment, or visit the PDI offices. For those wishing to enroll in the English Language Program, assessment tests are administered to determine the appropriate class and level. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Professionalism Starts Here

The Professional Development Institute offers a broad range of training and education courses throughout Afghanistan to private business, non-profit organizations, NGOs, government agencies and individuals. The Institute draws on the expertise of the world class faculty at the American University of Afghanistan and others to provide courses tailored to specific needs as well as courses offered on an open enrollment basis. The scope of our faculty’s proficiencies and experience is broad, extending from language instruction to business administration and management, public administration, and information technologies.

The English Language Center

The English Language Center within the Institute provides a comprehensive range of English language training for non-native speakers. This includes courses for the total beginner advancing all the way through expert users. In addition, Professional Purposes courses are offered for business, legal, aviation, military and academic English. All classes practice the four linguistic skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, with emphasis on the appropriate grammatical constructs.

Business Unit

The Professional Development Institute also offers courses based on the unique needs of clients. For example, the Institute administers short-term courses in accounting, finance, project management, human resources management, and information technologies. In addition, the Institute can develop curriculums for customized certificate programs in areas such as management and public administration. The Business Unit now offers training and exam prep courses in ACCA and FIA - the internationally accredited accounting organization. The Institute is the only ACCA golden member in Afghanistan.

IT

The IT program offers a variety of technology training: Cisco, Comp TIA, ICDL, Microsoft, Oracle, and Redhat among others. PDI’s IT programs have several advantages for students. First, training has been authorized by their respective vendors. And second, PDI’s testing center facility provides students with the opportunity to certify their training. Certification in all IT programs is recognized internationally.

Open Enrollment

The Institute offers courses on an open enrollment basis. A quarterly catalog describes course offerings for each term. Open enrollment PDI courses include English, graduate records examination preparation courses, accounting certification courses at both the CAT, ACCA and FIA levels, in addition to a variety of other valuable classes. The Institute’s course and certificate catalog can be obtained upon request by contacting general inquiries and registration at 020.25.20.830 or email auaf.edu.af/pdi.

Facilities

The AUAF campus includes five computer laboratories, two of which are classrooms. Computer classrooms seat twenty-four students each and are equipped with desktop computers and LCD monitors. Open computer labs on campus are available for students who do not have access to computers or the Internet at home. Classrooms and science laboratories are comparable to those at universities in the United States. A state of the art video conferencing facility – the best of its kind in Afghanistan is available for instruction and meetings.

Regional Centers

The Professional Development Institute currently has three regional centers in Herat, Kandahar, and Mazar-e-Sharif. The Centers are fully equipped with state of art facilities.