

Kaye Academic College of Education



Kaye College is the leading academic institution for teacher education and professional development of educators in the south of Israel, serving both the Jewish and Bedouin populations of the Negev.



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Kaye College is an institution for higher education specializing in teacher education and the professional development of educators at every stage of their profession. Kindergarten teachers, elementary and secondary school teachers, and special education teachers find a home in Kaye College, from initial teacher education to disciplinary specialization and continuing personal and organizational learning. In this capacity, the College functions as a center for research, study and educational innovation.





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In 1996 & 2007 the College was the recipient of a special UNESCO prize for its outstanding contribution in promoting multiculturalism and co-existence.



In 2013 an award was given to the Shachaf team (ACE-Active Collaborative Education, a teacher education program for university graduates), by the Ministry of Education, the Scientific Committee of the International Conference and the MOFET Institute.



About the College

- At present there are 4.000 Jewish and Bedouin students studying in various college departments.
- Students earn a **B.Ed. degree** and teacher certificate, for teaching from kindergarten to high school in a wide range of specializations: Humanities, Science, Math, English, Special Education, Early Childhood Education, Physical Education, Art Education, Informal Education.
- In addition, a **pre-academic setting** enables Jewish and Bedouin youngsters to earn the matriculation diploma.



About the College

The College offers five programs towards a **Master in Education (M.Ed.)**:

- Educational Counseling
- Learning and Instruction
- Physical Education and Sports for Excluded and at Risk Communities
- Education in the Era of Technological Information
- A Master's Degree in Teaching (M. Teach)
- Pedagogical and Technological Innovations

About the College

- Kaye College functions as a center for research and for furthering professional development of teachers in the field.
- Our teaching staff implements pedagogical innovations, such as Project-Based Learning, Experiential Learning, Site Base Learning and ICT integration in teacher education.
- Kaye College offers various programs which include computer and cyber studies while the Head of our Research Authority Department coordinates a nationwide network (supported by the MOFET Institute) whose goal is ICT integration in Israeli teacher training colleges.



Internationalization and Multiculturalism

Kaye College places high importance on multiculturalism and on internationalization of its curricula, and on collaborations of various types, which include exchange of knowledge, joint research, consultations and publications.



Internationalization and Multiculturalism

- Kaye College has been involved in two collaborative projects funded by the European Union:
 - TEMPUS DOIT (on multiculturalism) and TEMPUS IRIS (on Internationalization of Higher Education).



International Research Projects

Kaye College collaborates with various academic institutions abroad, among which: York St. John University, Great Britain; Viktor Frankl Pädagogische Hochschule, Austria; Warsaw Academy of Special Education, Poland; Penza State University, Russia; Tampere University, Finland; University of Latvia, Edith Cowan University, Australia; and High Tech High in San Diego, USA.



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Local Research Project

Kaye College is part of a local research team which includes Tel Aviv University, Beit Berl College and Al Qasemi College, which examines the subject of internationalization, namely “How educational contexts shape the implementation of internationalization – the story of three teachers’ colleges in Israel”.

Multiculturalism

Teaching in a college of teacher education, we believe that multicultural experience is especially precious for those who just in a few years will become teachers themselves, and will have to be equipped with pedagogical tools to help their own pupils to relate to others with less stereotypes, and manage to resolve conflicts in peaceful ways.

Kaye College's Multiculturalism Center

Kaye College's Multiculturalism Center was established in 1994, acknowledging the fact that the college encompasses students coming from various nations and diverse ethnic backgrounds: Arabs from the north and Bedouins from the south, Jews, including immigrants from the former Soviet Union and from Ethiopia, secular, traditional and religious.

Kaye College's Multiculturalism Center

- The center offers a compulsory set of courses for mixed groups of Arabic and Hebrew speakers on the subject of cultural diversity.
- A unique method of facilitation in the workshop groups– SAME – (Synthesis of Approaches to Multicultural Encounters) is used, which combines between the dynamic approach which focuses on the inter-personal relations among the participants in a group and the conflictual approach which focuses on controversial issues.



Kaye College's Multiculturalism Center

- Since 2012, the center has been involved in the TEMPUS DOIT (Development of International Model for Curricular Reform in Multicultural Education and Cultural Diversity Training) project under the auspices of the European Union.
- The partnership includes five European countries (England, Netherlands, Germany, Austria and Estonia) and Georgia as a direct partnership, and eight academic institutions in Israel.
- The goal is to develop a set of new courses, all pertaining to the subject of developing better pedagogical tools of coping with cultural diversity in a classroom.
- Recently, the center has developed new courses: "Identity Formation in a Multicultural Environment", "Israel as a Multicultural Society" and "Children Rights".

THE KOREN-KAYE-JITLI CENTER

- The Koren-Kaye-Jitli Center was established at Kaye college in 2012 in the framework of community activity, sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students Affairs.
- JITLI is an international program that works to cultivate leadership among young people and to strengthen the connection between groups of different people who are in state of conflict.

THE KOREN-KAYE-JITLI CENTER

The center was dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Yitzhak Koren, a lecturer in the College who was active in the rapprochement between Jews and Arabs.



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