



Whole Person Education Academy (WPEA) 2018
A Professional Development Program
Venue: Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, Philippines
Dates: 16-29 September 2018

Background

The Whole Person Education Academy is a professional development program originally planned for institutions in Southeast Asia as a response to a great need of their teaching staff to improve in the trifocal functions of teaching, research and community engagement, within the framework of whole person education. Conceived by the United Board and implemented in partnership with the Ateneo de Manila University, the pilot program was held in September 2017.

To ensure that the program will benefit more institutions, it is designed in three phases.

Phase 1 consists of ten learning sessions in two weeks at the Ateneo de Manila University. The topics include fundamentals and theories of education, curriculum, instruction, assessment and evaluation, classroom dynamics, research, media & technology applications, and service-learning.

Phase 2 consists of echo-training workshops to be conducted by the trained educators who will share and disseminate their learning and experience with educators in their home and neighboring institutions.

Phase 3 is a harvest seminar, to bring together the trainers from the 2017 and 2018 cohorts who were able to fulfill phases 1 and 2 for sharing of reflections on their experience, good practices, and other areas of need.

The program makes use of multiple approaches and strategies to promote active and reflective learning. These include whole class discussion, collaborative learning groups, case analysis, games, drills, use of various multi-media resources, and writing reflection papers, supervisory and action plans, presentations and critiquing of the plans. The action plan will be the springboard for the echo-training in the second phase of the program, which includes a follow-up visit to some of the participating institutions to monitor how the program is being cascaded or implemented.

Expected Participants:

The WPEA 2018 will be open to institutions of Southeast Asia. Priority will be given to qualified educators from the Universities/Faculties/Colleges of Education and to institutions with the most need. Participants will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Must be a full-time faculty member for at least 3 years of an institution in Southeast Asia that has been related to the United Board.
2. Must be proficient in English (listening, speaking, reading and writing in English). The training will be conducted in English and participants are expected to do presentations and demonstrations in English. An interview will be conducted to ascertain the English proficiency level.
3. Must hold strategic position, preferably in the Teaching-Learning Center of the institution or University/Faculty/College of Education; or position strategic enough to conduct echo training with colleagues and other institutions.
4. Must demonstrate a commitment to do echo-training in their home institutions and/or with other neighboring institutions in their country.
5. Must be nominated/ endorsed by the head of the institution. Institution head must indicate support (psychological, moral, financial, etc.) for the nominee to schedule the echo-training at the home institution or with other institutions that would request for it.

If you have questions of clarification regarding the program or eligibility of your institution, please contact *Dr. Hope S. Antone*, Program Officer for Southeast Asia at hantone@unitedboard.org