

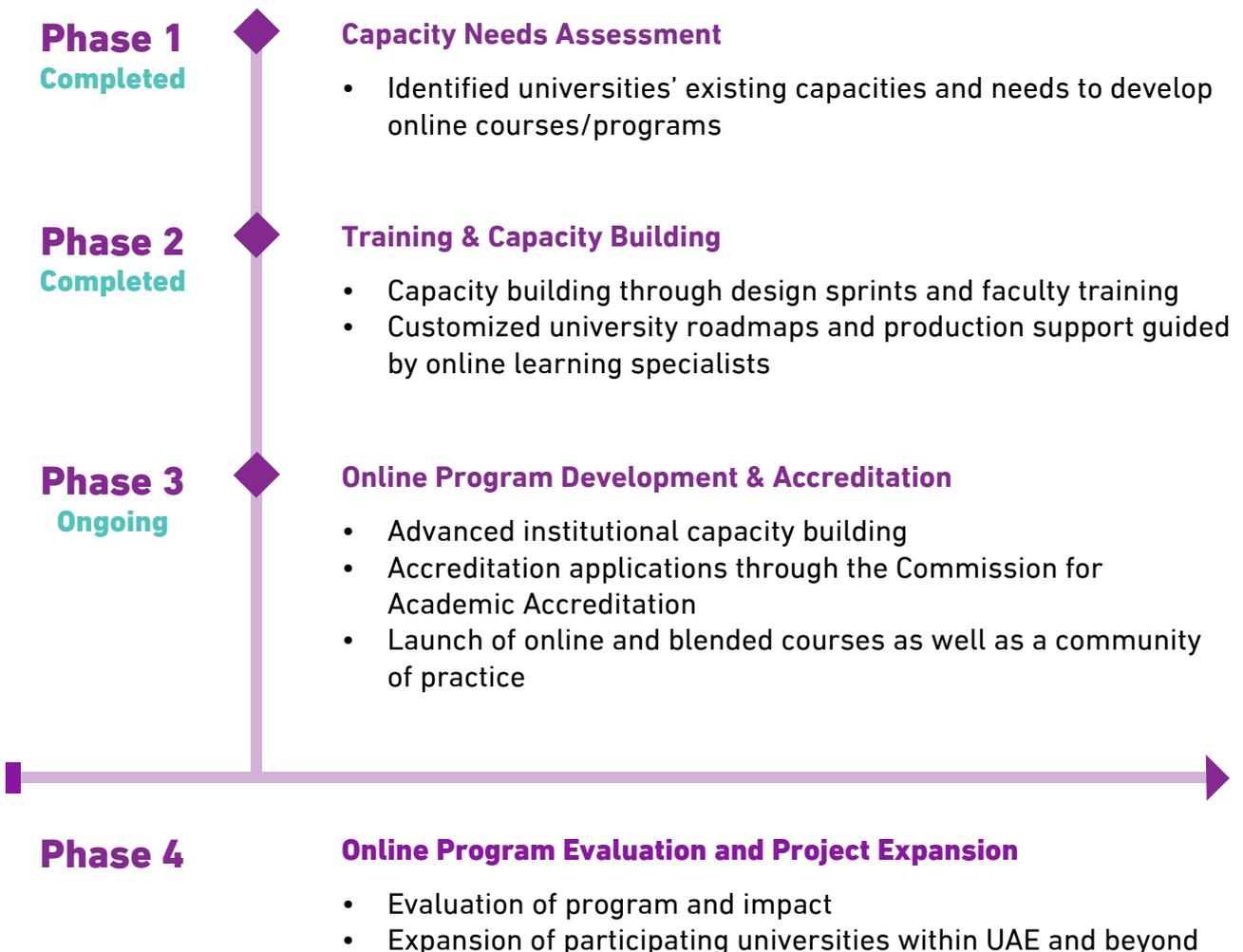
The University Consortium for Quality Online Learning (UCQOL)

Launched in: 2020

In partnership with: UAE Ministry of Education and 9 universities

- American University in Dubai
- Zayed University
- Khalifa University
- University of Dubai
- American University of Sharjah
- University of Sharjah
- United Arab Emirates University
- New York University Abu Dhabi
- British University in Dubai

UCQOL aims to provide inclusive and innovative educational opportunities for Emirati and Arab youth. As the first consortium of its kind in the Arab region, UCQOL utilizes a multi-phased approach to build the capacity of higher education institutions, enabling them to produce market-driven, student-centric, and accredited online programs.



By leveraging partnerships and innovative approaches for sustainable impact, the consortium:

- Serves as a learning community for universities, encouraging collaboration.
- Equips key stakeholders with technical expertise to deliver high-quality online programs.
- Responds to the needs and goals of each university, providing additional institutional grants where relevant.

To date, UCQOL has:

- Designed **70** courses
- Launched **22** courses
- Trained **125** faculty members
- Awarded **1 institutional grant**
- Launched the first **Abdulla Al Ghurair Digital Technology and Learning Center** at the American University of Sharjah
- Received the 2023 UNESCO-ICHEI Higher Education Digitalization Pioneer Case **Award** (University of Sharjah)



“My journey with UCQOL has been incredibly rewarding, and I am immensely grateful for the invaluable experiences and knowledge that profoundly influenced both my personal and professional growth. Through UCQOL, I gained a spectrum of specific skills and knowledge, including enhanced research abilities, refined critical thinking, and honed communication skills through collaborative online projects. The consortium enhanced my adaptability to the online learning environment, improved my time management skills, and broadened my perspective on various subjects. Professionally, the program equipped me with valuable insights and knowledge, enhancing my capabilities and confidence. Whether it’s in academia, professional pursuits, or personal projects, these competencies will undoubtedly serve as a foundation for success.”

Dr. Sania Ashraf, Director of Graduate Programs,
University of Dubai



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