

## Prospective EFL Teachers' Perceptions of the Teaching Practice Experience at AUST

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### Abstract:

This study intended to explore prospective EFL teachers' perception toward the Teaching Practice (TP) they have experienced during their study in the TEFL program (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) at Ajman University of Science and Technology (AUST) in the UAE. It seeks answers mainly to questions related to the prospective teachers' perception on: 1) the TP in general; 2) cooperating teachers (schools' teachers); 3) the academic supervisor and; 4) the school. The data were taken from a questionnaire. The questionnaire consists of 24 close items and three open ended questions. It was distributed to seventy (70) prospective teachers. The findings of the study showed that the participants' perceptions regarding the TP were generally positive. The participants expressed their appreciation of the cooperating teachers, the academic supervisors, and the host schools.

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