

Establishment by the President of DARE's LEAP Program and Gordon Academic College

August 15, 2016 .

Counsellor of the Preparatory program, Head of Preparatory Coordinators of English, Mathematics, Language, Psychology, Sociology (8 participants)

Towards the opening of the new academic year, a decision to dissolve 30+ program (which was 2 days a week for one 16 week semester) and to create the LEAP program since the 30+ program did not achieve the results that it was intended to receive. It was decided based on student feedback, that it would be best to integrate the women who are over 30 years of age into the regular preparatory program. In addition it was decided that an additional day for support would be added to this academic preparatory program to provide the LEAP students with the extra support that they needed (e.g. Academic Skills, English, Mathematics, workshops for time management, reducing anxiety for testing, etc.).

August 18, 2016 meeting between Head of LEAP, Dr. Avital Hecht and the President of Gordon College, Professor Yechezkel Taler. The proposal to integrate the women of 30+ into the regular academic preparatory program was presented with the additional support day was presented to the President and approved. since the decision was to integrate this program into an existing program, no new regulation was necessary. What was new and approved was the extra support day which makes GACE;s preparatory program for the LEAP different from ALL OTHER ISRAELI PROGRAMS that are aimed for this age group. The additional day was approved and financed through Gordon's own funds in order that the sustainability of this program would not be at risk after the life of DARE. It was discussed how DARE project contributes with the training of both staff and faculty that contributes to the academic and social support of these students.