Facilitation of
Open Distance Learning
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Distance Education at the NWU - Introduction

- Involved since 1992
- Main focus - delivery of programmes for under and unqualified teachers
- Administrative collaborators assist (IOL & OLG)
- Programmes include Hons B.Ed, ACE and NPDE
- NWU are responsible for delivery and quality control of programmes
- Quality control of facilitation and facilities is an ongoing process
Distance Education at the NWU – Tuition centres

• Tuition centres established in SA and Namibia
• Facilitators facilitate programmes regularly at Tuition centres
• Facilitators are trained by NWU lecturers
• Co-ordinator at each tuition centre co-ordinate the delivery and facilitation of programmes
• Facilitators and Co-ordinators are accredited by the NWU

Distance Education at the NWU – Method / Mode of Delivery

• Facilitators teach prescribed material, assist with assignments and give guidance for writing semester examinations
• All scripts are marked and assessed by accredited markers from NWU only
• Each tuition centre equipped with resource centre, computers and internet access
• Lecturers and facilitators can be reached by telephone, email and sms
Distance Education at the NWU – Method / Mode of Delivery

- Students can register any time of the year
- Administrative functions done by administrative collaborators of NWU (OLG & IOL)
- All student details captured on the NWU computer systems
- Qualifications issued by NWU

Distance Education at the NWU – Tuition Centres

- 29 in South Africa
- 6 in Namibia
- Schools, colleges or other suitable facilities are used for facilitation
- 1 x Co-ordinator, 10 – 12 Facilitators, 2 Resource centre staff based at each Tuition centre
Distance Education at the NWU – Contact classes

- 12 Contact classes and 2 vacation schools per year
- Teaching and learning, problematic issues and assignments are main focus of contact classes
- Cluster groups are encouraged at Tuition centres
- Students can complete query forms during every contact session
Distance Education at the NWU – Student Support

- Tutorial notes
- Examination information
- Internet
- Sms
- Study material
- Vacation schools
- Contact classes
- E-mail
- Questionnaires

Distance Education at the NWU – Facilitator Support

- Supplied with tutorial notes and study material
- Training of facilitators (once or twice per year)
- Continuous contact between NWU lecturers and facilitators (minimum once per month)
- Facilitators contracted by NWU
- Supplied with duty lists
- Facilitators complete questionnaires to improve service
- Access to internet and e-mail
- Unannounced evaluation visits
- Examination results regularly assessed per Tuition centre by NWU
- Monthly report submitted, problems addressed and adjustments made
THANK YOU