

Facilitation of
Open Distance Learning
programmes at the SCTE at the
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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**

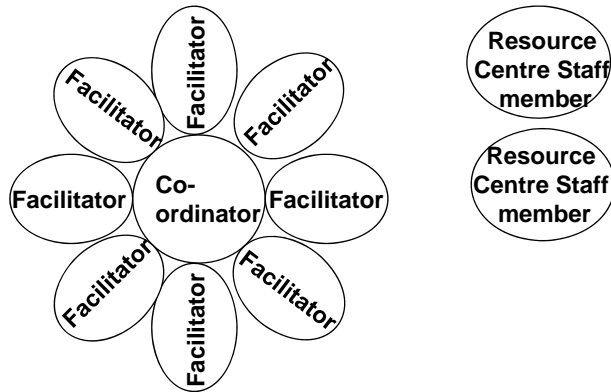
Distance Education at the NWU –Method /Mode of Delivery

- **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 –Tuition centres



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