Cutting edge programme delivery – a South African case study

*B Ed Hons:*

*Education Management, Law and Policy*

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- Founded in 1908
- The leading research university in South Africa since 1996
- One of the largest in the country.
- Six campuses
- Offers more than 1800 academic programmes
- In Afrikaans and English
- Nine faculties, as well as a business school.
- 140 departments and 85 centres, institutes and bureaus.
- UP is at the forefront of tertiary education in the country
- World-class partners to ensure continued excellence in learning and teaching.
Education Management & Policy Studies

- Founded in 1979
- One of the largest departments in SA (even in international terms).
- Offer programmes in both contact and distance modes
- Teach and research in the areas of Education Management, Law and Policy.
  
  Leadership, human resource management, strategic planning, transformational leadership, organisational management, classroom management, school organisation and management, policy development, diversity, social cohesion, the challenge of HIV/AIDS, human rights and education, higher education policy, school safety, governance of institutions, stakeholder partnerships and financial management.

- Mostly on a postgraduate level
- Students from all over the country and the continent.

Distance Education @ UP

- Launched in 2002
- In the Faculty of Education.
- The purpose of this initiative is to play a constructive role in addressing the dire need among practising teachers, especially in rural areas, to improve their qualifications.

- Contact sessions
- Rural school setting
Distance Education @ UP

- Advanced Certificates in Education (ACE) in Education Management
- Advanced Certificates in Education (ACE) in Special Needs Education.
- B Ed (Honours) degree in Education Management, Law and Policy.

CUTTING EDGE PRODUCT
B Ed Hons: Education Management, Law & Policy

• PURPOSE is to ...
  
  equip educators at all levels of the education system to lead and manage effectively to ensure the provisioning of quality education in a transforming educational environment. It also serves to equip qualifying students with the theoretical and disciplinary base for postgraduate research at a Masters level.

• RESEARCH basis
  – USA by NAESP
  – RSA on MP & Limpopo ‘What principals SHOULD KNOW and BE ABLE TO DO!

B Ed Hons: EMLP – Exit level Outcomes

Scholarship
Candidates should demonstrate that they have acquired a sound knowledge base and critical understanding of education in general and of leadership, education management, law and policy in particular.

Independent inquiry
Candidates should demonstrate the ability to conduct independent inquiry into leadership, education management, law and policy report their findings in academically appropriate ways

Intellectual skill
Candidates should demonstrate the ability to critically analyse and evaluate knowledge of education in general and of leadership, education management, law and policy in particular, and contribute to systematic and disciplined thinking about educational matters and issues, with particular reference to leadership, education management, law and policy in particular.

Academic leadership
Candidates should exhibit the potential to act as academic leaders and experts in the fields of Education, training and development Education leadership and management Education law and Education policy
B Ed Hons: EMLP Programme map
Flexible / Self-paced

BLOCK 1
NMQ 731
LVO 721

BLOCK 2
NMQ 732
OWR 732

BLOCK 4
MBR 734
FBO 734

CUTTING EDGE QA
• Updates our programmes in four year cycles.

• SAIDE - critical friend [Assessment / Revising / Development

• Rigorous in-house development

• National scrutiny
  – South African subject specialists
  – Panel of former students

• International scrutiny by world leaders:
  – Virginia Tech - Virginia, USA
  – San Diego University - California, USA
  – BOCODOL - Gaberone, BOTSWANA

• Updating information by means of tutorial letters

• Management Information by various strategies from venues country wide.

CUTTING EDGE DELIVERY
BLOCK 1

Registration → Admin book
Study guide/text book
Learning guide
Tutorial letter 1
CD → 1-Day
contact
session → Tutorial
session 1

Assignment 2 ← 5-Day
contact
session ← Assignment 1 ← Tutorial
session 2

Tutorial
session 3 ← Tutorial
letter 2 ← Tutorial
session 4 ← EXAMINATION

BLOCK 2 ← BLOCK 3 ← BLOCK 4

Tutorial
session 4 ← Assignment
2

Assignment 1 ← Tutorial
session 2

Tutorial
session 1

EXAMINATION → GRADUATION

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