



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Benefits of applying to the UWI Open Campus today!

The Nevis Island Administration (NIA) has provided many educational opportunities to encourage Nationals to upgrade and enhance their skills. Amongst the various educational strategies employed to help Nevisians to achieve this goal was the introduction of the Nevis Branch of the University of the West Indies (UWI) Open Campus Site.

The University Open Campus Site is a part of the Ministry of Education in Nevis and is temporarily situated at the Pinney's Industrial Estate. It offers Certificates, Diplomas, Associate Bachelors Masters and Doctoral degree programmes in a number of study areas. These areas include but are not limited to Management, Finance, Accounting, Sociology, Social Work, Education, Paralegal Studies, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Psychology and Early Childhood and Family Studies.

Applicants are not restricted by the UWI Open Campus Site on Nevis. Anyone who satisfies the matriculation requirements of five passes at Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) at the General Proficiency of Grades 1- Grades 111 is eligible for enrollment.

The CSEC equivalence at the General Certificate of Examination (GCE) is also acceptable. Of the five subjects required for entry to the UWI Open Campus programme, English Language is compulsory. Also Mathematics is a prerequisite of the degree programme in the Social Sciences.

Educators have agreed that Education is a continuous process and learning occurs at all stage of life. In that context, there is no minimum age requirement for entry to undergraduate programmes at UWI with the exception of the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

Prospective candidates wishing to start the programme in Semester1, which commences in September, should make their open line application in the months of February to June. On the other hand, those candidates who are hoping to start the programme in Semester 11, which commences in January, are expected to make their application for admission during the months of

November to December. Application Receipts and all supporting documents must be submitted to the Open Campus.

Many benefits are derived from taking the courses offered at the UWI Open Campus on Nevis.

Many working Nationals are encumbered with domestic responsibilities in addition to that of fulfilling the demands of a full time job. The UWI Online Programme offered by the Open Campus on Nevis allows Nationals the opportunity of executing their various responsibilities at home while pursuing the requisite courses for advanced certification.

Notwithstanding their personal obligations, many of these prospective candidates will require financial assistance to be able to pursue their area of study. Educational loans for advanced studies on campus in a United States (US) University could be as high as \$US 300.000. On the other hand, studying on campus at the University of the West Indies (UWI) may cost \$US160.000 depending on the area of specialization. If these courses are taken at the UWI Online Open Campus, the cost will be significantly reduced to \$EC 30.000

Another noteworthy benefit of the UWI Online programme is that all certification is internationally acknowledged.

Persons interviewed by a member of the Nevis Information Department have expressed their satisfaction in taking the online program as it contributed to their personal as well as professional development. Some of the benefits outlined were improved occupational status and increased income leading to an improved standard of living.

Of paramount importance to the Nation is the increased level of efficiency and productivity of workers. Overall these benefits would serve to enhance the level of professionalism exhibited in the workplace.

One interviewee, Ms. Philicia Walters, who attained her Bachelor of Education Degree (BED) in Leadership and Management in Education said that the program demands much dedication especially for those who are not technically oriented.

However, according to Site Coordinator, Ms. Isabel Byron, the Open Campus boast a computer Laboratory where technical assistance is offered.

Meanwhile, Ms. Walters further said that the online programme has helped in the development of her leadership skills. She also attributed her involvement in various organizations as evidence of the benefits of the programme.

Site Coordinator, Ms. Isabel Byron at the University of the West Indies, Open Campus, Nevis Site, Pinney's Estate may be contacted for further information on admissions.

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