



# INTRODUCING

## PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (PDE)

OFFERED BY

THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ZARIA.

IN COLLABORATION WITH

### TEACHERS' REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (TRCN)

1. The Professional Diploma in Education (PDE) is a Federal Government approved post-graduate course offered by the Public or Private Universities and other approved Teacher-Education Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria.
2. It is meant for those non-teacher-education graduates who are desirous of becoming Professional Teachers.
3. The duration of the course is Two Semesters of Six Months each (i.e. One Academic Year). The entry requirement is either any approved and recognized Higher National Diploma (HND), Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree or Doctorate Degree (PHD).
4. After the successful completion of the PDE Program, candidates are required to apply to the **TEACHERS REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (TRCN)** and write their Professional Qualifying Exams (PQE) in order to obtain the required Professional Teaching License to enable him or her practice professional teaching anywhere in the world.
5. While other tertiary Institutions in Nigeria may also be offering this same program, we, at the Institute of Education and Information Technology Zaria, Kaduna state, Nigeria, decided to leverage on our unique expertise in ICT to run this program 100% online.
6. By 100% online, we mean all activities are online including :- Students' Application, Admission, Course content delivery, interaction between students and tutors, Continuous Assessment Tests, Final Semester's Exams, Teaching Practice and Students' Project Work. You stay wherever you are in the world and run the program.

7. As a Distant Learning Program, the applicant is **REQUIRED** to **ATTACH** his/her **PHOTOGRAPH** clearly showing his/her **FACE**. If the photo is not clear, the application would be rejected. This photograph is the one that would help the Institute to recognize the student during his online Practical Teaching and also is the one that would be embedded on his Examination Result Slips and final Certificate.

8. Running this program 100% online is meant to mitigate the hash effects of high cost of travelling/accommodation, general insecurity and the need to provide access to higher education for all regardless of where the student lives. This is also to help those in employment in Nigeria or Overseas to progress further without necessarily leaving their place of work or point of obtaining their means of livelihood.

9. The student's requirement for effectively running this program is the acquisition and practical knowledge of the use of **TWO** networking Platforms. These are WhatsApp and Email platforms. For email, we recommend active Gmail Platform for ease of use and simplicity. Apart from Application, Admission, Course Registration and Fee payments, all communications between the Institute and Students (Including Exams) are done through these two Platforms which require **INTERNET ACCESS**.

10. As regards Fees, our Institute charges for Application Form and Tuition Fees only. For now, Application Form is Ten Thousand (10,000) Nigerian Naira or Fifty (50) US Dollars while Tuition Fees is Fifty Thousand (50,000) Nigerian Naira For a semester or Two Hundred and Fifty (250) US Dollars for a semester which will be total of One Hundred Thousand (100,000 ) for Nigerian Naira or Five Hundred US Dollars (500) for a complete session (2 semesters). **All Fees are payable at the beginning of each semester via our Students' Portal. Tuition Fees cover Course Materials, Tutorials, Examinations, Teaching Practice and Project Work.**

11. As regards Admission into the Program, Our Institute operates a **Continuous Monthly** Admission System. This means that the commencement of a student's course duration begins from the **MONTH** of his/her admission and ends twelve months thereafter. Every student runs his twelve month's program separately from any other student that happens to be admitted in a different Month of the year. Example those admitted in JAN. 2024 would run their twelve months' program till DEC. 2024. Those admitted in FEB, 2024 would run till JAN, 2025. Those in MAR. 2024 run till FEB. 2025. APR. 2024 run till MAR. 2025 and so on. Every student has his/her Twelve Months duration separately.

12. Students' Teaching Practice is done through the use of what we call "VIDEO ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR" (VAS). This means that the student would prepare his lesson Plan, select the school he wants to teach in his/her locality anywhere in the world, invite a VIDEOGRAPHER to cover the whole 40 minutes or One Hour Lesson and (if he is satisfied with his performance as he was taught), send the video clip to the Institute for marking and grading.

13. Examinations are in FOUR forms. Beginning of Program Exams, End of Course Unit's (CA) Exams, End of 1st Semester Exams and finally End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Exams.

14. Beginning of Program Exams is to enable the Institute ascertain that the applicant is really and practically a graduate of his FIELD OF STUDY. The Applicant would be expected to write an essay of not more than TWO PAGES clearly indicating the DEFINATION, SCOPE and IMPORTANCE of his/her particular field of study to HUMANITY. He/she would then scan the two pages and send it to the Institute in order to assess the level of his/her understanding of his FIELD OF STUDY AS A WOULD-BE PROFESSIONAL TEACHER.

15. End of Course Unit Exams covers ONLY questions from a particular single Course Unit for each of the individual Course Units of the program.

16. End of Semester Exams is done at the end of each of the TWO Semesters of the Program.

17. In order to reward efforts, the Institute has also make provision for commission-based AGENCY.

This is to say that any person who wants to be agent for securing Applicants for our PDE Program all over the world, can call the Institute contact number for recognition and engagement on very generous commission.

18. All Exams questions are MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS except for beginning of Program Exams and Teaching Practice which is based on VIDEO COVERAGE.

19. This our Distant Learning and 100% on-line program has the full backing of the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Federal Ministry of Education based on the provisions of the National Policy of Education. The Teachers' Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN) is the Accreditation, Supervision and Licensing Authority for this Program.

20. All our Course Materials are designed and meticulously prepared based on the Minimum Standard Guidelines of the TRCN as approved by the Federal Ministry of Education of Nigeria and recognized by Teacher Education Authorities world-wide.

21. Finally, we are aware that **on-line Course programs world-wide** has the disadvantage of ascertaining and enforcing HONESTY on the part of the students. However, the Institute, in collaboration with TRCN, has made all the necessary arrangements to make sure that whenever it is discovered that any particular graduate of our PDE Program who infringed upon any of our procedures during his period of studies, shall have his/her PDE Certificate and TRCN License revoked because Teaching is an honorable and mother of all Professions.