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OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL) CAN ENHANCE QUALITY EDUCATION, IF... - EXPERT



An expert in Open and Distance Learning (ODL), Enginneer (Dr.) Kayode Odedina has said that ODL can enhance quality education if it is run properly according to the global best practices.

Dr. Odedina made this submission at the ODL Summit organized by the Institute of Distance Learning and (IDLCE), Continuing Education University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, on Thursday, 20th February, 2025 at the institution's Senate Chamber. According to Odedina, the Guest Speaker at the event, "ODL is capable of enhancing quality education, if necessary infrastructure, personnel and other important resources as stipulated in the requirements for distance learning are put in place".

The speaker added that "ODL does not only give people access to education but also makes it affordable". He further said that "it caters for diverse range of learners, including working professionals". While he highlighted the benefits of ODL, he did not fail to point out challenges that can hamper its successful implementation. He listed the challenges to include, among others, inadequate digital infrastructure, poor interactive learning methods, insufficient or lack of investment in required digital resources, etc.

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FROM THE EDITOR

An excellent organisation never rests on its oars. It keeps improving on whatever is responsible for its excellence. The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo is a centre of excellence where quality medical and health science education is offered. To reach the unreached who are interested in getting quality and affordable education, the University, through its Institute of Distance Learning and Continuing Education (IDLCE) organized an awareness summit on Open and Distance Learning (ODL). It was an eyeopener! Check out the details in this edition of UNIMED Weekly.

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The University recorded another first on Wednesday, 19th February, 2025 as it graduated the pioneer set of its Health Assistance and Caregiving Certificate Course. See the colourful occasion in pictures.

The 10th Matriculation Ceremony of the University holds in March. Check out the details inside.

The story of the 9th Inaugural Lecture delivered by the erudite Professor of Medicine, Oluseyi Adejumo will give you insights into how to reduce the burden of chronic kidney disease in our society. You cannot afford to ignore the story!

It is a season of Inaugural Lectures. The 10th edition of the University's Inaugural Lecture holds on Tuesday, 25th February, 2025. Oyetunde Timothy Oyeyemi, a Professor of Parasitology and Neglected Tropical Diseases is set to take us through the topic: "Web of Affliction, Thread of Hope: Unravelling Parasites, Patterns, and Pathways to Health".

In Dr. Agbaje's column this week, you will get to read the advantage of restorative justice over retributive justice. How does restorative justice impact communal living? Read how in this edition of the University's newsletter.

We have our regulars and other stories that we keep you on top of goings-on in the University. This is an un-put-down-able edition of UNIMED Weekly! Enjoy it!



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

He who lives in harmony with himself lives in harmony with the universe -Marcus Aurelius

...OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL) CAN ENHANCE QUALITY EDUCATION, IF... - EXPERT

her welcome address, the Acting In Director, Institute of Distance Learning and Continuing Education (IDLCE) of UNIMED, Dr. Esther Ekundayo made it clear that the summit was essentially for awareness creation. "This summit is to create awareness about ODL by showcasing its benefits and reasons it is long overdue to have at UNIMED", she said. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adesegun Fatusi, represented at the event by Professor Teslim Onigbinde, the Dean, Faculty of Medical Rehabilitation.

expressed the University's gratitude to the Guest Speaker and assured him that UNIMED will leave no stone unturned in building a virile centre for open and distance learning.

In his words, "the University appreciates the Guest Speaker for his insightful presentation on ODL. Given what we have learned here today, we want to assure our speaker that the University, in no distant time, will put in place a centre for distance learning with world-class infrastructure". The Summit, held physically and virtually, was well attended by Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, staff and students. COLLABORATIVE APPROACH, EFFECTIVE TASK-SHIFTING AND TASK-SHARING MODEL WILL CURB THE INCREASING BURDEN OF CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASES IN NIGERIA - DON



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further recommended other He measures to reduce the burden of kidney diseases. chronic These, according to the Don include, but not limited to "continuous creation of awareness among health workers, concerted efforts by the government all stakeholders to improve and access and quality of obstetric care, need to leverage on pre-admission pre-employment medical and government's evaluation, genuine commitment to improving all levels of health care by adequately staffing the health facilities, providing adequate equipment, etc".

The don said chronic kidney disease is "quite burdensome not only to the patients but also to other relatives and caregivers". To this end, he said deliberate measures as highlighted in his lecture are needed to stem the burden.



News Links https://thesun.ng/how-to-curb-kidneydisease-medical-

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2025 UTME REGISTRATION: WE ARE ONDO STATE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES IN JAMB BROCHURE

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo has been inundated with calls over the confusion about the name to look out for in the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board brochure for the 2025 UTME registration.

While the law establishing the University as amended and passed in December 2024 recognises the institution as "University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo", it is yet to be effected in the brochure of JAMB.

According to the Admission Officer University, Ms. Olufunbi the of Ladapo "Candidates, parents and quardians wards of who are currently registering for the 2025 UTME and are willing to apply to UNIMED, Ondo should look out for 'Ondo State University of Medical Sciences' on the JAMB platform as "UNIMED' is not yet on the platform ".

This information is to ensure that no candidate is deprived of gaining admission to the University of Medical Sciences, Ondo.



News Links

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UNIMED TO HOLD 10TH MATRICULATION IN MARCH 2025

The University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED), Ondo, will hold its 10th Matriculation Ceremony on Wednesday, 5th March, 2025 at the Main Auditorium, Odosida Campus of the institution.

In a release signed on behalf of the Registrar by Mr Akinola O. Oke, Principal Assistant Registrar (Academic Affairs), the matriculation will be conducted in batches. According to him, The first batch will include Faculties of Allied Sciences, Medical Health Rehabilitation, and Pharmacy; the second batch will comprise Faculties of Basic Medical Sciences, Clinical Sciences, and the School of Public Health; and the third batch will of Faculties of compose Basic Clinical Sciences, Dental Sciences, Nursing Science, and Science." The time for the matriculation shall be 9am, 11am and 1pm respectively for the three batches.

Speaking further, Mr Oke said "The list of candidates who are eligible for 2024/2025 the matriculation in Academic Session as approved by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) will be forwarded to each faculty on or before Monday, 25th February, 2025." He then added that "that anyone whose name does not appear on the list forwarded to the faculties is not eligible for matriculation".

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Academic Structure of UNIMED: Classification of Academic Units

(Adopted from Senate approval of 13 August 2024 of the "Position Paper on Academic Structure of the UNIMED & Proposal for the Consolidation and Strengthening of the Academic Structure" and the Governing Council approval of 22 August 2024)

A. Faculties/Schools:

- They are the core structure of the university, consists of disciplinary-based departments.
- Perform the traditional functions of teaching, research, and services with fairly equal emphasis, although schools tend to have a stronger focus on teaching/training.
- Good mix of academic and non-academic staff to cover all aspects of university functions.;
 academic staff follow the pathways of "Lectureship" cadre in their career development

B. Institutes:

- They are primarily interdisciplinary and or/multidisciplinary in nature and may be structured along units, but not departments
- Strong focus on the research initiatives, and platforms for specific inter-disciplinary/multidisciplinary research agenda and/or institution-wide and training purposes
- The core of their academic staff are specialized/research personnel and follow the pathway of Research Fellows in their career development

C. Centres

- Centres are similar to Institutes in terms of interdisciplinary and or/multidisciplinary nature and have a strong emphasis on research and services
- Centres have more potential for "town and gown" engagements as they can engage all outside communities and interest groups in their activities as relevant to their mandates
- Centres have no primary/permanent academic staff; their permanent staff consist mostly
 of administrative and technical staff. Academic staff in Centres are from departments/
 faculties, schools and institutes and may be appointed for specific periods and purposes.

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Fac	culty/School	Institute	Centre
	1. Academic Orientat	ion	
•	Primarily disciplinary- focused Core departmental structure as the basis May incorporate Institutes and centres	 Primarily inter- disciplinary and/or multi-disciplinary No departmental structure but units 	disciplinaryNo departmental structure but units
-	2. Balance of Academ	ic Responsibilities: Teaching,	a. Research and Services
•	Equal emphasis on disciplinary teaching and research as the primary focus Engage in services mostly based on disciplinary approach Faculties serve ALL three functions of university with equal weights; Schools have more focus on Teaching/Training, and research and services supportive of training focus		 Core emphasis is on service and research and training is only for certificate of diploma programmes Activities are to engage one and al including the outside communities and interest groups in the activities identified as important for those purposes.
	3. Teaching Program	ne	
•	Focus is on regular teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels (BSc, MSc, MPhil, PhD and their equivalents). Award degrees based on disciplinary approach	 Focus is mainly on post- graduate programmes and, minimal focus on undergraduate programmes Degree programmes are in conjunction with relevant Faculties (or Schools), which is the degree-awarding body Can award certificates or Diplomas 	 programme, but diploma and certificates Training is primarily in the context of are of service and/or research orientation with interest in the "town and gown focus.
	4. Academic staff stru		
•	Lecturer pathway (Lecturer II, Lecturer I, Senior Lecturer,	 Research Fellow pathway (Junior Research Fellow, 	only administrative/support technica

Distinguishing Characteristics of Faculty/School, Institute and Centre

Faculty/School	Institute	Centre
	Research Fellow Principal Research Fellow, Professor)	

NB: Units designated as "Offices" (and not Faculties/Schools, Institutes and Centres) are primarily administrative/service-related units under the Vice Chancellor's Office, but they may provide supportive academic services, for example, the Central Office of Research and Development.



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APPLICATIONS INTO ITS B.SC. CONVERSION PROGRAMMES FOR POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES. 2024/2025 SESSION.

WE HAVE B. SC. CONVERSION PROGRAMME IN

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PLEASE NOTE

CANDIDATES FOR B.SC. CONVERSION PROGRAMME IN UNIMED MUST HAVE OBTAINED **5 CREDIT PASSES IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY** IN WAEC/NECO/GCE OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN NOT MORE THAN TWO SITTINGS. CANDIDATES MUST ALSO SHOW **EVIDENCE OF NYSC DISCHARGE/EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. ACADEMIC/OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** MUST ALSO BE PROVIDED BEFORE ADMISSION.

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INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE LEARNING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION (IDLCE) Akure Campus

CALL FOR APPLICATION INTO B. SC. CONVERSION PROGRAMMES FOR 2024/2025 SESSION

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the University of Medical Sciences, B.Sc. Conversion Programmes under the Institute of Distance Learning and Continuing Education, Akure Campus.

General Requirements for All UNIMED B. Sc. Conversion Programmes

- A candidate for B.Sc. Conversion Programme in UNIMED must have obtained 5 credit passes in the following O'Level Subjects: English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology in WAEC / NECO/GCE or its equivalent in not more than two (2) sittings.
- 2. Evidence of NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.
- 3. Academic/Official transcripts must be processed and mandatorily provided before admission. An electronic copy of the official transcript can be forwarded to: <u>idlcetranscripts@unimed.edu.ng</u>

Available courses under the various faculties:

FACULTY OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Health Information Management (HIM) Admission Requirements

• Candidates shall hold a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Health Information Management from recognized and accredited training schools.

Duration: Two (2) years, 3 semesters per year

FACULTY OF DENTAL SCIENCES

B. Dent T Conversion Programme in Dental Therapy

Admission Requirement

- All candidates for admission to the B Dental Therapy degree by conversion must possess the following:
- Higher National Diploma with minimum of upper credit
- The candidate must also obtain satisfactory pass at any further examination conducted by the University.

B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Dental Technology Admission Requirements

- All candidates for admission to the B. Sc (Dental Technology) degree by conversion must possess Higher National Diploma (HND) in Dental Technology with minimum of lower credit pass.
- Candidate must also obtain satisfactory pass at any further examination conducted by the University.

Duration: Six (6) semesters

FACULTY OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION

Admission into Transitional-Doctor of Physiotherapy Admission Requirements for 18 months duration (3 semesters)

- Candidate must have obtained a first degree- BSc PT, BMR PT, BPT from a 4 or 5 year training programme within or outside Nigeria.
- Candidates shall possess a minimum of second class lower division in BSc PT, BMR (PT) or BPT.
- Candidates with Third Class degree in Physiotherapy but with additional Postgraduate National Diploma certificate in any relevant fields can also be offered admission into the 18-months duration programme.

Admission Requirements for 12 months duration (2 semesters)

 The candidate must satisfy the minimum requirements as stipulated for the 18 months programme but must have additional postgraduate qualification(s) with a minimum of MSc in physiotherapy or relevant fields (MPH, MSc in Exercise science or Physiology, Physiology, Anatomy and Biochemistry).

B. PO Conversion Programme in Prosthetics and Orthotics

Admission Requirements

 Candidates shall possess a minimum of Higher National Diploma (HND) in Prosthetics and Orthotics Technology from recognized / approved institution with a minimum of lower credit).

Duration: Six (6) semesters.

Note: Current MRTB practicing license is required for both tDPT and P&O.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Computer Science

Admission Requirements

 An applicant seeking admission into the B. Sc. Conversion in Computer Science must hold an HND in Computer Science, Information Technology, Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, Physics Electronics or Core Engineering: Civil, Mechanical, Electrical & Electronics with a minimum of lower credit. Applicants who obtained a Third-Class degree in any university recognized by Nigerian University Commission (NUC), can apply. Also, applicants with B. Ed Computer Science (having a minimum of Second Class Lower Division) can apply.

Duration: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year.

B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Microbiology

Admission Requirements

 Applicants must possess an HND Certificate with a minimum of Lower Credit or a Bachelor's Degree with a minimum of a Pass in a related discipline from a recognized university or polytechnic.

Duration: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year.

B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Physics

Areas of specialization: (i) Physics (ii) Physics with Electronics (iii).Medical Physics Admission requirements

An applicant must possess any of the following:

- Higher National Diploma (HND) in Physics with Electronics, Electrical/Electronics with Lower credit
- Bachelor of Science (B. Sc.) with a Third Class degree in any recognized University
- Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.) or Bachelor of Engineering (B. Eng) in Electrical/Electronic with Third Class degree
- Bachelor of Education (B. Ed) in Integrated Science with a minimum of Second Class Lower division.

B. Sc. Conversion Programme in Science Laboratory Technology (SLT)

The options available are:

(i) Biochemistry Techniques (ii) Biology and Computational Biology Techniques (iii) Chemistry Techniques (iv) Industrial Mathematics and Statistics Techniques (iv) Microbiology Techniques (v) Physics with Electronics Techniques

Admission Requirements

 Candidates must possess a Minimum of Pass or Third Class Honours or HND (minimum of Lower Credit grade) from a recognized Institution.

Duration: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

B.Sc. Conversion Programmes in Community Health & Environmental Health Science

Admission criteria for Community Health

• Holders of Community Health Officers (CHO) certificate with current license.

Duration: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year

Admission Requirements for Environmental Health

• Holders of HND in Environmental Health Science with current license. **Duration**: 2 years, 3 Semesters per year

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Eligible candidates should log on to the University website at <u>www.unimed.edu.ng</u> and take the following steps:

Click on Admission;

Click on the Programme of Choice

Click on PAYMENT to make payment via online payment system using VISA or MASTER Card. Note that VERVE card is not allowed;

After payment, print the Payment Receipt

Click on APPLICATION FORM with your Payment Transaction ID to complete the form.

Application Deadline: Friday, 28 February 2025

Application Fee: N15,000 only

For Enquiries: Contact the Institute of Distance Learning and Continuing Education (IDLCE):

Phone Numbers: 09020451793, 09062208639, 08110832776

Email: idlce@unimed.edu.ng

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK WITH DR. DAVID O. AGBAJE

Retributive justice may balance the scales, but restorative justice will nurture the spirit, allowing communities to rise stronger together.

MEANING:

This saying highlights the difference between **two concepts of justice:** retributive justice and restorative justice.

- **Retributive Justice:** This approach focuses on punishment for wrongdoing. It aims to balance the scales of justice by ensuring that wrongdoers face consequences for their actions. While it can provide a sense of closure and fairness, it often fails to address the emotional and social needs of both the victim and the offender.

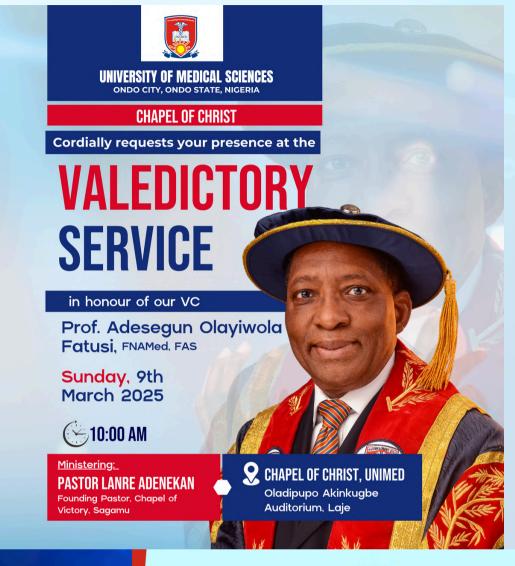
- Restorative Justice: In contrast, restorative justice emphasizes healing and reconciliation. It seeks to understand the harm caused by the wrongdoing and strives to restore relationships within the community. This approach nurtures the spirit by encouraging dialogue, accountability, and mutual understanding among all parties involved.



The saying suggests that while retributive justice may achieve a sense of fairness, it is restorative justice that fosters emotional healing and growth. By focusing on repairing harm and rebuilding relationships, communities can emerge stronger and more united. This perspective encourages a vision of justice that prioritizes compassion and collective well-being, ultimately leading a healthier and more to resilient society.



UPCOMING EVENTS





UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES ONDO CITY, ONDO STATE, NIGERIA

10th Inaugural Lecture

to be delivered by

PROF. OYETUNDE T. OYEYEMI B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. Department of Biosciences and Biotechnology

Topic:

Webs of Affliction, Thread of Hope: Unraveling Parasites, Patterns, and Pathways to Health

11am Tuesday, 25th Feb., 2025

Venue: Tetfund Lecture Theatre, Laje Campus.

Under the distinguished Chairmanship of Adesegun Olayiwola Fatusi, FNAMed, FAS, VICE-CHANCELLOR

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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