



Disability Inclusion in Education: Building Systems of Support



At the heart of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals is the pledge to leave no one behind and create a “just, equitable, tolerant, open and socially inclusive world in which the needs of the most vulnerable are met”. A key strategy for realising these goals in relation to children with disabilities, is to upskill and empower teachers to become agents of change in their communities. This is a fundamental objective of the Teacher Empowerment for Disability Inclusion (TEDI) project which is launching its very first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC): Disability Inclusion in Education: Building Systems of Support.



What is the TEDI project?

The TEDI project is a partnership between the University of Cape Town (UCT) and Christoffel-Blinden Mission (CBM), and is co-funded by the European Union and CBM, aims to empower teachers to provide quality education for learners with severe to profound sensory or intellectual impairments through training that is focused on inclusivity, diversity and addressing learners’ impairment-specific needs.



What is a MOOC?

MOOCs are self-directed online courses that are developed by universities and hosted on web platforms such as Coursera. Massive open online courses are not for university credit, so assessments are voluntary, and participants who complete the course can choose to pay for a certificate.



What is the Disability Inclusion in Education online course about?

Drawing on our own research within the TEDI project, we place the teacher at the centre of the process of disability inclusion in this online course, highlighting what support teachers need and how they can be supported by education systems in ways that promote equity, equal access and dignity for learners with disabilities. We also look at what exactly children with disabilities might need in order to learn on par with their non-disabled peers and to access similar opportunities in life.

While the Massive Open Online Courses is open to anyone, it will be of particular relevance to educators, school principals and education policy developers and officials who are interested in expanding access to education and the full curriculum in ordinary and special schools for children with severe to profound hearing, visual or intellectual disabilities.

The course should take you about three hours a week over five weeks, which you can choose to do whenever it suits you. There are short video lectures, readings and quizzes to help you learn. Discussion forums and peer reviewed assignments offer an opportunity to hear from other people taking the course. If you fall behind, there are no penalties, you can join the next course and pick up where you left off.

www.coursera.org/learn/disability-inclusion-education



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How do I sign up ?



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SIGN UP

Create an account on Coursera by going to this link:
<https://www.coursera.org>
You will be asked for your full name, email address
and a password.

Once you have completed these details, navigate to
the course: [http://www.coursera.org/learn/
disability-inclusion-education](http://www.coursera.org/learn/disability-inclusion-education) and click on the enrol
button.

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CHOOSE AN OPTION

You will be offered two options – to pay for a
certificate (*purchase the course*) or to enrol for the
full course with no certificate (*taking the course for
free*).

If you want to earn a certificate of completion, you
need to either pay using an electronic payment
method, or apply for financial aid for a fee waiver.

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START LEARNING

Then you can proceed to the course and start learning

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FEEDBACK

Because this is the first time we are running this
course, it is important for us to hear your feedback.
We'd therefore like to invite you to participate in our
pre- and post-course surveys. Once you have signed
up for the course you will receive a "Welcome" email
where you can click on a link to participate in the
pre-course survey. Once you have finished the course,
you will be sent a "Congratulations" email where
there will be a link to the post-course survey. We
really appreciate your participation in these surveys.



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