Educating Deaf Children: Becoming an Empowered Teacher

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): Educating Deaf Children: Becoming an Empowered Teacher.

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 Educating Deaf Children online course about?

Drawing on our own research within the TEDI project, in this online course we explore how being Deaf impacts on children's learning and development, and how educators can modify the learning environment and make accommodations to meet the needs of Deaf children, develop their resilience, and support them holistically.

The course topics include:
- The experience of being Deaf and how it impacts learning
- The role of teachers in developing resilience in Deaf children
- Creating an accessible learning experience
- Becoming an empowered teacher

While the online course is open to anyone, it will be of particular relevance to educators (including classroom teachers, learning support teachers, teacher assistants and principals) who are responsible for supporting the education of learners who are Deaf.

The course should take you about three hours a week over four 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.

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How do I sign up ?

01 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: **www.coursera.org/learn/
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button.

02 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.

03 START LEARNING

Then you can proceed to the course and start learning

04 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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