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The Namibian College of Open Learning (NAMCOL), popularly known as "The People's College" is a state-supported educational institution established by an Act of Parliament in 1997 to provide learning opportunities for adults and out-of-school youth through distance education.

## Vision

We strive to be a world-class institution of excellence, accessibility to all, with committed professional staff, educating people through an innovative range of ODL programmes, providing quality services in a sustainable manner.

## Mission

We are committed to providing wider access to quality educational services for our learners and other customers using a variety of open learning methods.

## Institutional Values

Accessibility, Continuity, Sustainability, Excellence, Quality, Responsiveness, Efficiency, Transparency, Accountability, Reliability.

## Programmes on offer

NAMCOL contributes to the social and economic development of Namibia by offering education through Open and Distance Learning and by providing adults and out of school youth with professional and vocational skills to attain economic self improvement.

## Secondary Education

NAMCOL's core business activity has traditionally been our secondary education programme. It follows the same national curriculum as offered in the formal schools and conforms to the requirements laid out by the national examination body to enable its learners to qualify for national examinations. The following programmes are on offer:

1. Pre Entry Tertiary Education programme  
The PETE programme is a special programme, necessitated by the trend that current science and technology related programmes at institutions of higher learning indicate low admission in relation to gender and the previously disadvantaged groups.
2. Grade 11  
As from 2022 NAMCOL will only offer Grade 11 (new curriculum) as well as AS as part of the PETE programme.  
  
Mode of Tuition  
NAMCOL introduced Block Tuition in 2017 for Grade 12 learners. This method replaced the usual face-to-face tuition with tuition sessions offered two times per year during school holidays.

## Tertiary Education

In addition to secondary education, NAMCOL offers a range of programmes designed to meet the professional development needs of the people of Namibia. These programmes are offered on a Distance Education basis, with a face-to-face component. The following programmes are on offer:

1. Certificate in English Communication (CEC-Fully online)

2. Certificate in Education for Development (CED)
3. Certificate in Local Government Studies (CLGS)
4. Certificate in Early Childhood Development (CECD)
5. Certificate in Community Based Work with Children & Youth (CWCY)
6. Certificate in Business and Entrepreneurship (CBE)
7. Diploma in Early Childhood and Pre-primary Education (DECPPE)
8. Diploma in Youth Development Work (DYD)
9. Diploma in Education for Development (DED)
10. Diploma in Business and Entrepreneurship (DBE)
11. Bachelor of Arts in Youth Development Work (BA:YD)
12. Post Graduate Diploma in Open School Operation and Management (PDOSOM)

## Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

NAMCOL introduced the following Technical and Vocational training courses in an effort to alleviate the high unemployment rate in the country. The following programmes are on offer:

1. Automotive Mechanics
2. Plumbing and Pipefitting
3. Welding and Metal Fabrication
4. Office Administration

## Business Units

In an effort to become economically viable and lessen the dependance on central government, NAMCOL has established the following additional services:

1. Computer-Based Learning Centres  
NAMCOL has Computer-Based Learning Centres (CBLC) in Windhoek, and Ongwediva.  
  
Ondangwa, Eenhana, Outapi, Rundu, Opuwo, Otjiwarongo and Walvisbay will be converted into Learner Support centres effective January 2022.
2. Campus Radio and Recording Studio  
Have the capacity to record live bands, choirs, radio dramas and educational radio documentaries. The campus radio is currently through life streaming online or frequency 102.7 in the Ongwediva area.
3. Bookshops  
The NAMCOL Bookshops offer for sale to the public study materials such as Textbooks, Examination Booklets and Learner Books.
4. MultiMedia Production Centre  
The Multi-Media Production Centre situated in the heart of NAMCOL Head Office, Katutura Soweto; is a one stop centre for all your printing, copying, lamination, scanning, designing and binding.