L.N. 77 of 1995

EDUCATION ACT

(CAP. 327)

The Diploma in Adult Education Course Regulations, 1995

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 30(5) and 31(6) of the Education Act (Cap.327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by sections 31 and 35 of the said Act:

Citation and interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Diploma in Adult Education Course Regulations, 1995.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

"the Board" means the Board of Studies set up by paragraph (1) of regulation 5 of these regulations;

"the Diploma" means the Diploma in Adult Education;

"the Course" means the Course leading to the Diploma in Adult Education.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall apply to courses starting in October 1993 or later.

Eligibility for the Diploma

3. To be eligible for the award of the Diploma, a candidate shall:

(a) be registered as a part-time student in the Faculty of Education;

(b) complete the appropriate studies (coursework, practicum and project) in Adult Education;

(c) pass all prescribed examinations; and

(d) satisfy all the other requirements laid down in these regulations.

Registration

4. (1) A candidate shall register as a part-time student in the Faculty of Education on the prescribed form within the time specified by the Office of the Registrar.

(2) A candidate may be registered for the Course if he is eligible for admission to the University as a regular student in terms of the Admission Regulations of the University.

(3) Applicants shall attend an interview conducted by the Board for the purposes of assessment of the required aptitudes and background in conformity with the Admission Regulations.

Board of Studies

5. (1) The general administration of the Course shall be entrusted to a Board of Studies appointed by the Board of the Faculty of Education with the approval of Senate and consisting of a Chairman, a Co-ordinator and two members.

(2) The Co-ordinator shall be responsible for the drawing up of syllabi and of course-lists, as well as for the preparation (or provisions for the availability) of support material, with the cooperation and approval of the Board.

Course of Studies

6. The course of studies for the Diploma shall be of two years duration and shall consist of:

(a) study-units for which 20 credits shall be assigned;

(b) a project for which 5 credits shall be assigned;

(c) a practicum for which 5 credits shall be assigned; and

(d) a Final Examination.

Assessment

7. (1) A candidate shall be considered to have satisfied the assessment criteria of the Course if he:

(a) completes successfully Part One and Part Two of the Course;

(b) is successful in the practicum;

(c) is successful in the Final Examination; and

(d) completes successfully the project.

(2) Part One consists of fifteen credits which constitute the work covered during the first year. Candidates who do not successfully complete Part One shall not be allowed to proceed to Part Two.

(3) In each semester of the Course candidates shall be tested in the study-units covered during that semester in accordance with the criteria established by the Board.

(4) The following grades shall be used in the assignment of credits: A, B, C, D and F, in descending order of merit, with F indicating failure.

(5) A candidate who fails in any study-unit may be allowed to re-take the test or to repeat the entire study-unit once. In such cases, the maximum grade the candidate can obtain shall be D.

Project

8. Each candidate shall be required to submit a project focusing on a particular aspect of adult education. He may plan and develop a short pilot adult education project in a particular locality. Long essays shall not be less than 8,000 words and shall not exceed 10,000. In each case, the project is to be discussed by the candidate with a course tutor, and be approved by the Co-ordinator. The project shall be submitted for appraisal two calendar months prior to the end of the written part of the Final Examination.

Final Examination

9. (1) The Final Examination shall consist of two parts: (a) a practicum and (b) four written papers.

(2) Candidates shall be attached to a Maltese adult education agency, recognised by the Board, for a period of five weeks during which they shall engage in adult educational work. They shall, throughout these weeks, be assisted as well as evaluated by an appointed tutor.

(3) At the end of the Course, candidates shall take a comprehensive written examination. Only those candidates who have obtained 20 credits and successfully completed the practicum will be admitted to the examinations. Candidates who fail in not more than two of the four written papers shall be allowed one resit within three months. The grade to be awarded in any resit shall be either a D or an F. A candidate who has not successfully completed the practicum may be allowed a further opportunity to do so within two months.

Final grading

10. (1) The final grade shall be based on the assessment criteria of the Course as laid down in regulation 7.

(2) The names of candidates who qualify for the Diploma shall be published in alphabetical order in the categories:

Passed with Distinction
Passed.

(3) Candidates shall not be awarded the Diploma unless they obtain a Pass in each part of the course of studies (that is the tests, the project, the practicum and the Final Examination).

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