



4.3.3: Conduct of Academic Counselling Sessions on Learner Support Centers (LSC)

Academic counseling is the most important component in the teaching-learning process in the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system as it provides the essential human interface to the learners who are separated by location from their teachers and peers.

- Face-to-face Academic counseling is provided by the approved and empanelled academic counselors (subject experts) at Learner Support Centers (LSCs) and is a regular practice. Academic counseling is also provided to learners through ICT enabled support from the Schools of Studies located at YCMOU headquarters,
- The face-to-face academic counseling sessions are organized and conducted throughout the academic year at the Learner Support Centers (LSCs) to facilitate learning of learners with the SLM for:
 - Acquisition of required knowledge and skills;
 - Clarification of doubts & difficulties encountered during their course of study;
 - Provision of continuous evaluation for assessment and feedback on progress;
 - Development of required competencies and skills through practical and hands on training.
- Academic counseling sessions were conducted at 1262 LSCs in Maharashtra. The sessions were conducted for 5,54,083 learners attached to the various LSCs of the University.
- Out of the total 12 Master's Degree programs on offer, 2 programs are professional in nature (Master of Business Administration and Master of Library and Information Science).
- Out of the 12 Bachelor's degree programs on offer, 8 are professional degree programs (Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Special Education, Bachelor of Science in Computer System Administration, Bachelor of Computer Applications, Bachelor of Library and Information Sciences; Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication & Journalism, Bachelor of Science in Media Graphics & Animation) and the rest are general education programs.
- Practical courses of B.Ed. and B.Ed. (Special) program were conducted at LSCs to impart the essential competencies and skills for effective teaching through individual and group activities.
- Practical courses of Science based programs were conducted in the Science laboratories. These labs are equipped with all the required glassware, Chemicals, equipment, appliances and the required infrastructure necessary for conducting the practical sessions.
- Counseling sessions for Practical courses were conducted in batches of 20-30 learners. In addition to the academic counselors, lab based practical were assisted by lab attendants.
- Counseling sessions for Practical courses of Diploma and Certificate programs in Agriculture and Health Sciences were conducted at the identified Skill Development Centers to provide hands-on training and acquiring of competencies focusing on the learning outcomes of the respective programs.




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