



UP Open University • Faculty of Education

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DISTANCE EDUCATION

The Graduate Certificate in Distance Education (GCDE) is a focused, compact program that is offered conjointly with the Master of Distance Education program. It is intended for professionals who are looking for a formal introduction to the field of distance education and graduate-level training in developing and managing distance education and e-learning programs, but who do not require a Master's degree in this field.

### Course Objectives

GCDE graduates are expected to be able to:

- Participate in the development and delivery distance education programs that are underpinned by effective pedagogy and appropriate and sustainable use of technology;
- Participate in the management of distance education programs in different contexts—educational, business and non-profit organizations—to meet the needs of target learners; and
- Use their knowledge of theories, models, and principles of open learning and distance education to critically examine various aspects of DE programs from a variety of perspectives.

### Mode of Instruction

All courses are taught online following the principles of guided independent study and collaborative inquiry.

### Admission Procedures

**Step 1:** Apply for admission and upload the admission requirements through the Online Application System. Monitor the progress of your application through the OAS.



**Step 2:** As soon as the online application is accomplished, mail the complete and valid admission documents to the address below:



The Admission Section  
Office of the University Registrar  
UP Open University  
Los Baños, Laguna 4031  
Philippines

Refer to the UPOU Academic Calendar for the deadline for submission of application documents.

**Step 3:** Complete the DE Readiness Module (DERM).



The link to the DERM will be emailed by admissions.

**Step 4:** Wait for an email from the OUR for the admission results. Results of the evaluation will be released after the evaluation of the respective Admissions Committee and before the registration/enrollment period of the applied term.



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