

**KYAMBOGO UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF SPECIAL NEEDS AND REHABILITATION
DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL NEEDS STUDIES**

ONLINE TRAINING ON THE CERTIFICATE IN DEAFBLINDNESS AND MULTI-SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

Kyambogo University has, among its many programmes an online certificate programme on Deafblindness and Multi-Sensory Impairment (CDBMSI), which lasts one year. The programme enrolls practicing teachers in primary and secondary schools, tutors in Primary Teacher Training Colleges, academics in higher institutions, Social Workers and Community Educators, Parents and other practitioners. The minimum requirement is the ordinary level certificate or its equivalent. Department of Special Needs Studies in the Faculty of Special Needs and Rehabilitation, is the host to the programme.

Working with stakeholders is a common practice at the university and this enabled the university to enter a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) with Sense International, Uganda on the launching of the online training in 2018. Sense International, Uganda funded 30 pioneer students (who were practicing teachers in its project area) besides meeting costs of training staff at the university. The first cohort completed its studies in October 2019.

The training involves a continuous interface with the university's academic staff on the online platform as an enrolled student goes through 13 enriched modules. The modules consist of theory and practical knowledge concerning individuals who have deafblindness and multi-sensory impairment.

The training aims at imparting skills in the teaching and support to learners and other persons with deafblindness and multi-sensory impairments. The programme involves three face-to-face sessions, usually conducted over a weekend (the first two sessions), while most of the time is committed to online activities. The third session is a one-week examination period at the Kyambogo University main campus and/or at its upcountry learning centres of Soroti (north-western Uganda) and Bushenyi (south-western Uganda).

The award is the Kyambogo University ***Certificate in Deafblindness and Multi-Sensory Impairment*** issued at a colourful ceremony at the main campus. Interested persons can apply for admission to the Dean, Faculty of Special Needs and Rehabilitation, Kyambogo University, P. O. Box 1, Kampala, UGANDA. The application deadline is 31st December of the year.

The following should be included in the application: the application letter, academic documents, professional documents , (f any), and a brief curriculum vitae (All these should be scanned and sent to ivanomagoro@gmail.com to be received on behalf of the Dean).

Any inquiries can be directed to the Dean at deansnr@kyu.ac.ug or personal - elawrence@kyu.ac.ug)

(Posted by George Willy Kutosi PhD – Coordinator of the Programme)