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Dear Principal and Teacher, Assalaamo Alaikom

BREAKTHROUGH: QUALIFICATIONS UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS / ULAMA

We are pleased to announce an important development that will finally enable our unqualified teachers including Ulama to attain a teaching qualification while being currently employed at a member school of the Association of Muslim Schools or at a Madressa. This Pilot Programme will enable candidates to attain a full teaching qualification in 5 years done part time. **It is an opportunity never to be missed.**

Background: In November 2011 the Association of Muslim Schools and Jamiatul Ulama of South Africa formed a Task Team to address the critical shortage of teachers in our schools and the dilemma regarding SACE registration of Ulama. During the course of their work, the Task team approached Therapon College for Higher Education and Training (Pty) Ltd (2012/181131/07) to explore possibilities to achieve teacher compliance. Therapon College responded with a favourable proposal, maximising access onto the programme.

The process will be uncomplicated. Applications will be lodged with the North-West University for the delegates to register for a National Professional Diploma in Education (NPDE), leading to B.Ed qualification. Applications will be received at a central point (see note below). The applications will be administered by Therapon College on behalf of applicants; hence teachers would not have to take a day's leave. *All applications will be processed by NWU and final acceptance will be vested in NWU's decision.*

After they had been registered they would receive their tuition materials and need to attend the Saturday classes. AMS and Jamiatul Ulama South Africa believe that this will bring new opportunities and benefits to successful graduates.

PLEASE NOTE THAT 20 OCTOBER 2012 IS THE FINAL REGISTRATION DATE FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER 2013.

Details of the Programme.

1.	Teacher Compliance Project	This initiative is joint venture between the Task Team (comprising AMS and the Jamiat) and Therapon College. There will be regular progress reports made to the Task Team.
2.	Qualification:	1. NPDE through (NWU) - 3 years followed by 2. B.Ed upgrade – 2 years Full program to be on NQF 7 comprises of above totalling 5 years
3.	Duration:	1. Five-year part-time studies. 2. Attend tuition/training for 24 Saturdays of 4-hours spread over 2 semesters. 3. The venue will depend on where the majority of enrolments come from. Enrolment numbers permitting, consideration can be given to present classes in both Pretoria and Johannesburg.
4.	Lectures and Mentoring by Therapon College	1. Therapon College will provide student guidance in order to maximise success via virtual campus model. 2. Guidance will be in the form of workshops, printed hand-outs, cd's, web blog's and constant communication by means of BBM/WhatsApp/Twitter/Facebook 3. Occasional Guest lectures by NWU lecturers. 4. There will be a personal touch with candidates. 5. Formal workshops and exam preparation. 6. Offer mentorship and assistance to candidates enrolled in this programme.

5.	Eligible candidates	1. Any educator who has been teaching at an AMS school or a recognised Madressa with a minimum of 5-years relevant teaching experience. a. Must be 23-years-old or older. b. School qualification is not a determining factor.		
6.	Registration (non-negotiable dates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 20th October 2012 • Venue: To be confirmed – but will be in central Johannesburg. • Time: All candidates to be seated 09h00 		
7.	Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The completed NWU official certificate of teaching experience (when taught at more than 1 school i.e. 3, you need to complete 3 documents) 2. A certified copy of your Identity Document (Green bar-coded). 3. A certified copy of all your training and education completed. 		
8.	Registration Fee	R11 370.00 with application R 2 530.00 1 st month R 2 530.00 2 nd month R 2 520.00 3 rd month		
9.	Cost	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The annual cost for 1st Year R18 950.00. (All inclusive of NWU, Therapon College mentoring and administration as well all relevant books) 2. There will be annual increases in line with inflation and administrative requirements. 3. Individuals to make own arrangements regarding costs of the studies or to discuss same with employer and enter into a private agreement with them. 		
10.	Bank Details	To be confirmed		
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Why we recommend the NWU programme:

A. UNISA:

- a. Matric with exemption required to be admitted.
- b. Conditional exemption may be subjected to additional access programme (bridging year).
- c. 40 Modules @ 4 per year. Completion in 8-10 years.
- d. Cost @ average R1 400 per module = 40@R1 400 = R56 000 at current price. Likely to escalate annually over the course of study. Based on .5% annual increase = R75 000.
- e. Cost excludes text books at R10 000 over period of study.
- f. Cost for mentoring @ R2000 – R2500 per module.
- g. Total cost of study could be anything from R150 000 to R180 000 over full period.

B. North West University:

- a. Immediate enrolment without exemption issues for most.
- b. Admission criteria:
 - i. No matric with 5yr teaching experience.
- c. Completion: 3 years NPDE followed by B.Ed upgrade (2 years) - total of 5 years part-time.
- d. Cost R30 000 (NPDE) plus R20 000 for B.Ed upgrade.
- e. Cost includes all text books.
- f. Cost for mentoring @ R10 000 per year of study.
- g. Total cost of study could be anything from R100 000 to R120 000 over full period.

We pray and hope that all affected teachers and schools will take advantage of this opportunity and enrol for the course. **We urgently appeal to Board members to assist Teachers/Ulama with bursaries and/or other forms of financial aid.**

Wassalam.