Action Research course: a massive open online course (MOOC) (Brochure)

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Deadline for Registration: 2nd February 2015

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Wawasan Open University (WOU), established in 2006, is one of Malaysia's foremost, not-for-profit, institutions of higher learning dedicated to adult learners and flexible learning approaches to make higher education accessible to all. WOU is a leading promoter of use of Open Educational Resources, and in 2013, it received the Commonwealth of Learning's Excellence in Distance Education Award (EDEA) for institutional achievement and distance education materials.WOU is a certified training provider under the Special Training Assistance Scheme (SBL-Khas), a major scheme of the HRDF.

Action Research Course

A Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

[A WOU-PACE Programme supported by COL]

Background

This is a course offered by the School of Education, Languages and Communications (SELC), under the Wawasan Open University (WOU)-PACE programme.

Project Team Members

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Overview of the Action Research Course

Wawasan Open University (WOU) has recognized the current needs of teachers to conduct action research for their continuous self-improvement and professional self-development. The intention is to empower teachers as reflective practitioners to undertake classroom based research to look into their practice with a view towards improving the quality of the teaching learning processes at the practitioner's level. The resultant action research achievements will be the best practices that a network of peers, including teacher coaches, senior teachers, and principals can disseminate and share to provide greater support to help each other achieve their full potential.

This Action Research massive open online course (MOOC) is created by WOU, with a grant awarded by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada. The intention is unlimited online participation and open access via the web. WOU also understands the need to equip the teachers with the skills to inquire into a particular issue of current concern, with the aim of implementing a change in a specific situation, thus enabling them to reflect on their own classroom practice and improve it.

Course Learning Outcomes

This Action Research course will facilitate and guide participants through their action research process. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the concept of action research.
2. Understand the ways to write an action research report.
3. Design an action research for improving practice.
4. Understand the process of data collection and data analysis.
5. Understand the role of reflection in action research.
6. Prepare an action research proposal.

Course Content

This Action Research course as an Open Education Resource (OER) contains four (4) modules. The modules are intended to be user-friendly. Each module focuses on the practices and applications in carrying out the action research.

Module	Title	Course Educators
Module 1	Understanding Action Research	Prof. Dr. Santhiram R. Raman
Module 2	Starting Action Research	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Goh Lay Huah
Module 3	Planning the Action	Prof. Dr. Phalachandra Bhandigadi
Module 4	Writing an Action Research Proposal and Report	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Goh Lay Huah

Course Implementation

Learning for each course module is expected to be completed in two weeks, with one week intervals for finalizing the previous module and preparing for the next module. The tentative dates for the first series of this course are as follows:

9 Feb-22 Feb 2015	2 Mar–15 Mar 2015	23 Mar -5 Apr 2015	13 Apr-26 Apr 2015	27Apr-3 May 2015
Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Evaluation

Participation

This course is targeted at school teachers, teacher educators, teacher trainees and industry trainers. Interested users may register online at WOU website link (here):

Type of Participants	MOOC learners	WOU registered on-line learners	Early bird WOU registered on-line learners
Guidance	Self-learning	Tutor support and certification	Tutor support and certification
Cost	Free	RM200	RM170*

Early bird discount for those who register by 27th January 2015

Course Evaluation

Monitoring of course implementation and evaluation shall be carried out during and after completion, that is during the period from February to May 2015. Data shall be obtained from analysis of the LMS and an end of course evaluation survey focusing on the following:

- Participation
- Performance
- Content
- Learning