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MEET THE TEAM

Executive Project Coordinator

Bio: Dr Olugbenga (Benga) Aderibigbe leads the implementation of the Online Distance Learning (ODL) initiative at the Durban University of Technology. Prior to joining DUT, Dr Aderibigbe held positions in diverse fields within the public higher education sector spanning lecturing, research and online learning, and at operations executive level within the private sector. Dr Aderibigbe brings to the position a robust academic background including a PhD in Higher Education Studies, M Com Economics, B Com (Hons) Economics, B Sc (Hons) Business Administration and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). He also holds additional qualifications and short course certificates in Training Practices, Assessment Practices, Assessment Moderation, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Distance and Online Learning, Open Educational Resources (OER), and Senior Management Service (SMS) cadre from reputable local and international institutions including Athabasca University in Canada, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada and National School of Government (DPSA). Dr Aderibigbe is registered with the South African Council for Educators (SACE) as a professional educator. His research interests include Work Integrated Learning (WIL), Adult education, Open and Distance Learning (ODL), eLearning and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).



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Mr Lucky Khumalo

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Academic Programme Coordinator

Bio: Lucky Kumalo is the Academic Programme Coordinator for the Online Distance Learning Office. He holds a Master of Education and Honours in Bachelor of Education, both in curriculum studies, as well as a Bachelor of Education, all from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

He has held various positions in the Academic Monitoring and Support (AMS) programme in the College of Humanities at UKZN over the last five years. His most recent role was Academic Development Officer (ADO) before becoming the Academic Programme Coordinator in the ODL office.

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Mr Bruce Mabasa

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Learning Technologies Analyst

Bio: Mr Bruce Mabasa is a UX/UI Designer, Learning Technologist, and eLearning Developer passionate about combining design, technology, and learning to create engaging digital experiences. He holds a Bachelor's and Honours Degree in Information Science from the University of Pretoria, specialising in Informatics and Knowledge Management. His work spans learning design, web development, multimedia, and digital learning, with a focus on creating experiences that connect, engage, and drive meaningful change.

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Ms Neliswa Mpanza

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IT Systems Analyst

Bio: Neliswa Mpanza is a Full Stack Software Engineer and a DUT Alumna in ICT. She is a motivated and adaptable developer with hands-on experience in Java, Angular, Spring Boot, PostgreSQL, Postman, and RESTful API development. Neliswa began her career at LTIMindtree as a Full Stack Software Engineer Intern, contributing to core banking software solutions and soon joined Absa Group as a Junior Software Engineer.

Her passion for systems analysis drives her ability to design, evaluate, and enhance software that solves real-world needs. With a strong foundation in software testing and quality assurance, she thrives in collaborative environments focused on clean, maintainable code. Neliswa is committed to advancing the ODL project by creating seamless, technology driven interactions between students and facilitators.

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Mr Luyanda Makhathini

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Instructional Designer Intern

Bio: Mr Luyanda Makhathini holds a Bachelor of Education degree in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training, majoring in Accounting and Economics, from the Durban University of Technology. Passionate about curriculum development and digital learning, Luyanda recently joined the ODL team as an Instructional Design Intern. With a keen interest in the utilization of educational technologies to enhance student engagement and learning outcomes, he is committed to contributing to innovative, learner-centred course design and development.

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Ms Kutlwano Mamabolo

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Instructional Designer

Bio: Kutlwano Mamabolo is an Instructional Designer at the ODL Office. She completed a Bachelor of Education followed by an Honours degree in Assessment and Quality Assurance from the University of Pretoria.

She specialises in instructional design and the development of engaging, learner-centred digital learning experiences in higher education. Her work encompasses online and blended learning, curriculum development, assessment design, learning management systems, and interactive e-learning development. She is passionate about educational technology, innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and the use of emerging technologies to enhance higher education.

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Mrs Nonhlanhla Ngcobo

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Administrator

Bio: Mrs Nonhlanhla Ngcobo is the ODL Administrator. She is a seasoned Office Manager with a strong background in administrative management, front-office management and executive personal assistant management support. Nonhlanhla holds a Diploma in Management Assistant and certificates in Advanced End User Computing, among others.

She has over 16 years of experience in front-office management, HR Administration, developing expertise in employee relations and benefits. Additionally, she has experience in financial administration, where she has honed her skills in financial record-keeping and reposting.

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Ms. Nonhlanhla Perseverance Ngwenya

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Project Management Practitioner

Bio: Ms. Nonhlanhla Perseverance Ngwenya is a Project Management professional with several years of multidisciplinary experience across engineering, construction, local government, and business environments. She began her professional career in the engineering and construction sector, developing a strong foundation in project coordination, construction processes, technical documentation, planning, and stakeholder engagement. Her experience spans both the private and public sectors, with exposure to municipal infrastructure, construction projects, public sector governance, compliance, service delivery, business operations, and project implementation. This diverse experience has strengthened her ability to manage projects within complex environments while balancing technical, operational, financial, and stakeholder requirements.

She holds qualifications in Civil Engineering, Business Management, and Project Management, is completing a Postgraduate Diploma in Risk Management at MANCOSA and is currently completing a Master of Science in Project Management at Liverpool John Moores University. Her professional areas of expertise include project management, construction and infrastructure, risk management, governance, stakeholder engagement, and strategic project deliver.

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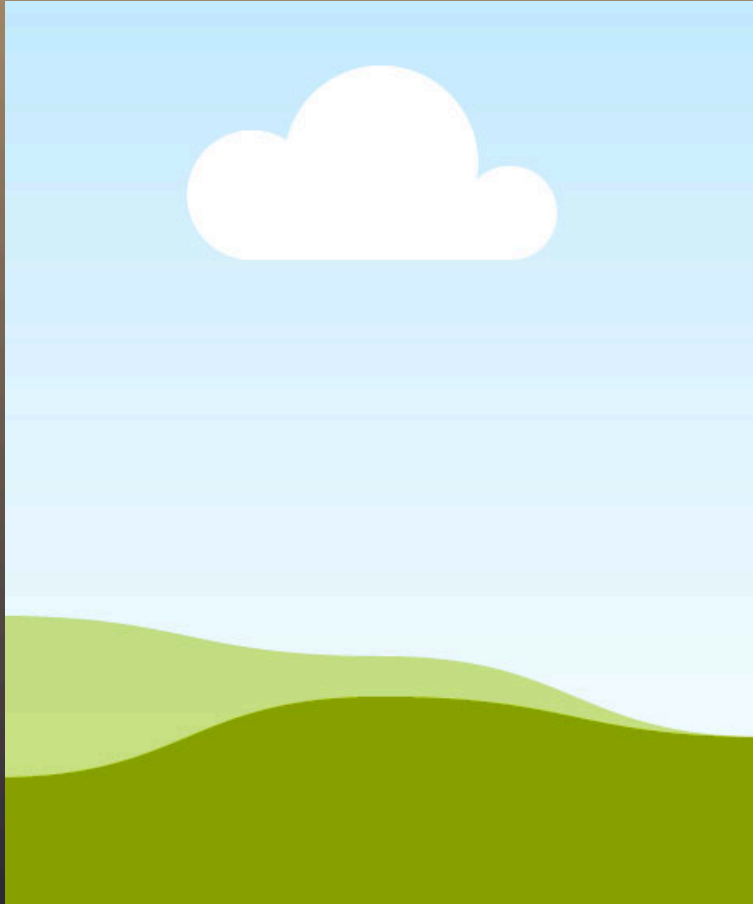
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Instructional Design Intern

Bio: Nosipho Kheswa is a vibrant and passionate educator who graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand. Kheswa is deeply passionate about teaching, learning, and creating meaningful connections. Her journey began in the classroom as a student teacher at A.B. Xuma Primary School, Northcliff Primary School, and Arthur Matthews Primary School in Gauteng province. Known for her curiosity, she recently transitioned into the world of Instructional Design as an intern at the Durban University of Technology.

In this role, she harnesses creative approaches to support quality learning experience through technologies. Every day, she grows the ability to design impactful content that empowers both educators and learners. She lives by the motto: "Never stop learning—the sky is the limit!" This belief fuels her drive to continuously develop her skills, embrace new challenges, and contribute meaningfully to the future of education.

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Ms Zandile Precious Mahlobo

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Integrated Student Recruitment Marketing

Bio: Zandile is a Journalism graduate with a strong passion for marketing and communications. She has experience writing for national magazines, including Drum and Cosmopolitan, as well as producing content for internal publications as part of a DUT Faculty Communications Team and at Transnet Freight Rail. Her experience also extends to social media management, event planning and podcast production. She enjoys collaborating with creative teams and contributing ideas during brainstorming sessions.

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