



Covenant University Newsflash

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NUC, NIMN Grant Covenant University Full Accreditation Status

The National Universities Commission, NUC recently released the result of its accreditation visits to Postgraduate administration programmes in Nigerian universities. Covenant University had its five Postgraduate programmes in administration fully accredited. Also, the Marketing Programme of the University has been granted full accreditation status by the National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria (NIMN). The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, revealed the exciting news on Monday, September 7, 2015.

The elated Vice-Chancellor expressed appreciation to God for His faithfulness and for faculty and staff's efforts in making the process a success. The result of the NUC accreditation exercise was contained in a letter to the University's



Vice-Chancellor, Prof Charles Ayo during the meeting

Proprietor dated July 3, 2015 and signed by the regulatory body's Deputy Executive Secretary I, Professor Chiedu Mafiana.

The result as stated in the letter showed that Accounting, and

Banking and Finance scored 88.6% apiece, while Business Administration, Industrial Relations, Human Resource Management and Marketing scored 89.5% respectively.

The letter by the National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria dated July 23, 2015 and the certificate were signed by the Institute's Acting Registrar, Sidney Ogodo FNIMN. The

letter read in part, "We are pleased to write to inform you of the Full Accreditation of the Marketing Programmes run by Covenant University in the Department of Business

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CU Health Centre Set for a Disease Prevention and Control Unit

The Covenant University Health Centre, in collaboration with the University's Medical Research Team, is set to launch a Disease Prevention and Control Centre. In a presentation to the University's management on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, the team enumerated the benefits of the venture to the University and its community.

While making the presentation, Dr. Adetola Abayomi, a representative of the Covenant University Health Centre, stated that the first phase of the programme would involve integrating health promotion and disease prevention into everyday practice, developing a health team, care coordination and system navigation. He described the next stage as that of delivering health promotion and disease prevention programs, patient education and self-care, outreach activities, screening - especially for early cancer detection, and follow-up

programmes.

Speaking on the benefits of the centre to the University and the community at large, Dr. Abayomi said that the centre would assist in promoting public health and disease prevention, quality health maintenance for sustaining healthy living and promote workplace health and wellness. He also added that it would reduce work-place absenteeism and time loss due to sickness.

"The centre would also equip our current facility to better prevent and combat epidemics, thereby reducing the prevalence of chronic diseases. The initiative would help in building healthy public policy, creating supportive environments and strengthening community action," Dr. Abayomi stated.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, appreciated Dr. Adetola Abayomi and the entire medical team for their efforts and

expressed excitement at the prospects of the initiative. He insisted, contrary to differing opinions, that disease prevention through early screenings as well as early diagnosis would lead to early and more effective treatment.

The Vice-Chancellor described the programme as a platform from which the University can encourage its various departments to engage in research. However, he stated the importance of confidentiality in the exercise to prevent breaching the privacy of patients.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye; the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; the Director, Financial Services, Pastor Adebayo Oladehinbo; Chief Medical Officer, Covenant University Health Centre, Dr. Chukwunonso Anigbogu; Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Shalom Chinedu; other Covenant University faculty in active research and a member of the Directorate of Media and Corporate Affairs. ■

Covenant University Students Share Industry Training Experience

The decision of the Management of Covenant University to expose its students at all levels to Industrial Training (IT) is yielding the desired results. Until last academic session, only those in 300 Level were eligible to engage in such exposures.

However, all the students irrespective of their level or programme, proceeded on industrial training during the long vacation to acquire various industry skills relevant to their training at the University.

The students had since resumed for a new academic session (2015/2016), and had been sharing their experiences with their lecturers and fellow students.

Kelly Praise a 400 Level Mass Communication student, who worked in an Advertising Agency in Lagos, said that she learnt more about digital marketing, competitive analysis and interpersonal skills. She also learnt to embrace integrity and diligence. While Adeluwa Boluwatife Ayo, a 300 Level English student learnt how to write lesson notes and teach where she had her industrial training.

For Atinuke Akoja, a 200 Level English student, her internship at AP and MC Publishing firm improved her writing skills and boosted her self-confidence. Another 200 Level English student, Wunmi Adewale worked at Radio station (City FM 1.05), where she learnt

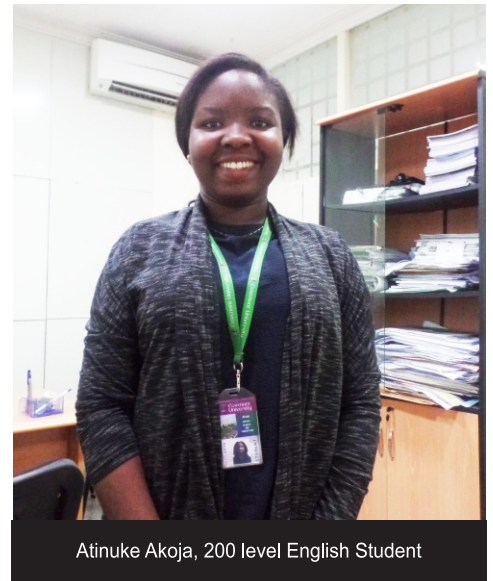
scriptwriting and editing as well as developed her interpersonal skills.

Worgwu Chimuhumuranya, a 200 Level Building Technology student worked at a Construction organization. According to her, she participated actively and was involved in a building project where she learnt the processes involved in proper laying of foundations, site clearing, surveying and excavation.

"Industrial training was fun," commented Ayobami Olomo, a 200 Level Computer Engineering student who worked in Cyberspace, an ICT organization in Lagos. She learnt networking and believed that her experience during industrial training would help her decide on her area of specialisation.

Akintayo Orunja, a 400 Level Business Administration student said that he did his Industrial training in Cardinal Kitchen in the United States of America where he acquired managerial skills. He learnt how to interact and respond in a professional capacity, further developing his leadership skills.

Olobio Oyintatoni, a 400 Level Political Science student worked at Pricewater house Coopers, Lagos. He was involved in research, while Oluwadurotimi Olopade, a 400 Level Economics student managed assets and engaged in facility maintenance at Caverton Helicopters. He worked in the Internal Audit Unit of the



Atinuke Akoja, 200 level English Student

Administrative Department.

"I learnt a lot at Conoil where I worked. I was exposed to things my colleagues may not know," commented Chidima Okakpu, a 200 Level Chemical Engineering student. She said she learnt pilot blending and testing for kinetic viscosity among other things.

Dunni Kale, a 300 Level student of Chemical Engineering, who worked at Live Stock Feed, Ikeja, said she had the opportunity to experience first-hand, the machines that were spoken of in class. She stated that she learnt a lot about quality assurance, utilizing chemicals and maintenance of the machines while working in the laboratories.

All students involved in an industry activity over the holiday period found it to be an inspiring and beneficial experience. ■

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Administration.

"The full accreditation was the consequence of the very successful Accreditation Exercise conducted by the National Institute of Marketing of Nigeria (NIMN) in which the Department of Business Administration of your reputable university performed excellently well, scoring 72% in the twenty (20) criteria used in the assessment. Congratulations, as we wish you greater feats in your effort to take Covenant University to greater

heights."

Also commenting on the success of the Marketing Programme accreditation, the Head of Department of Business Administration, Dr Rowland Worlu noted that the Marketing Programme of the University is now fully recognised by the Institute and shows that the University has the capacity to train other professionals within the marketing field.

He added that the University, by gaining accreditation status, has

become a corporate member of the Institute and will serve as a training and examination centre. He explained further that any graduate of the programme would automatically be qualified for the final stage of the Institute's professional examination.

Dr Worlu also pointed out that the faculty in the marketing programme can also be members of the NUC accreditation team and the NIMN Professional Accreditation Team to other institutions. ■