ODL path to a degree

AWASAN Open University (WOU), a reputable institution of higher learning in Open Distance Learning (ODL), has taken up the challenge to provide industry-relevant programmes to working professionals seeking high-quality, affordable and flexible tertiary education.

The university is dedicated towards equipping the Malaysian workforce with the right credentials and knowledge – offering more than 30 undergraduate programmes in diverse areas of specialisation.

Maizatul Akma Ahmad, 37, a senior accountant executive, is pursuing her Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Accounting (BBAC), a programme that fits into her professional needs.

“The BBAC programme would be an investment for my future, perhaps a promotion,” she said.

Maizatul, who holds a Diploma in Accounting, added that she can understand and cope with her BBAC studies at WOU easily as most of the courses are related to her real-life work situation.

“WOU provides study facilities and I make use of my weekends at WOU, as I can’t study at home with my kids around,” said Maizatul, who enrolled with WOU through Bandar Utama Regional Support Centre.

Dasaini Devi Balan, who enrolled for the Bachelor of Management (Hons) with Psychology (BMPS), is grateful for the opportunity provided by WOU.

“BMPS is a unique programme as it involves the combination of business management with psychology that gives me the knowledge I need to work in both departments,” said Dasaini Devi, a human resource and administration assistant from Johor Baru.

The flexibility and accessibility of ODL suit adult learners. They can still keep their jobs while pursuing their studies at WOU.

“As a part-time student, the ODL method is just perfect for me. I don’t have to pressure myself to attend classes when I’m tied down with work. WOU provides me the platform to upgrade myself and help me to climb the corporate ladder,” explained Dasaini Devi.

Check out WOU’s bachelor’s degree programmes. The areas of specialisation include accounting, management, banking and finance, sales and marketing, human resource management, electronics, construction management, psychology, English studies and education.

Interested learners can register today for the Bachelor’s degree programmes at WOU either through the regular entry or via WOU’s unique Open Entry Admission that takes work experience into consideration. You need to be at least 21 years old with a minimum PMR/SPM/MCE/UEC/Diploma or equivalent qualifications. Enrolment is in progress. Apply before April 5 for a WOU study grant and return to study allowance worth up to RM900.

For more about WOU’s part-time programmes, log on to wou.edu.my or call the toll-free careline at 1300 888 969 (WOU). Visit WOU Open Day on April 11 and 12 at the main campus, regional centres and support centres nationwide.