

# Working in Partnership School of Distance Learning for Medical Education, Peking University



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## The Partner

Peking University School of Distance Learning for Medical Education was founded in October 2000. The School incorporates over 40 regional learning centres and approximately 15,000 students, offering courses in nursing, applied pharmacy, medical information management and health management at undergraduate level.

The School of Distance Learning is affiliated to Peking University, commonly known as Beida, and managed by Peking University Health Science Centre. Peking University currently has over 45,000 students and over 4,500 members of academic staff. The University consists of 30 colleges and 12 departments, with 93 specialities for undergraduates and 199 specialities for postgraduates, in addition to research specialisms.

## The Project

The partnership with the School commenced in 2005, when the School began translating Mental Health and Distress: Perspectives and Practice (K257) for presentation in 2007. The formal arrangement between the two institutions is covered by a licensing agreement, allowing the use of K257 from The Open University's curriculum and adaptation or translation to suit local requirements, according to the Terms & Conditions of the contract. The students work within local programmes of study and are awarded local qualifications. The OU is also providing consultancy and support to help the school to develop high quality distance learning.

## The Aim

- To assist the school in establishing themselves as a leading medical distance learning provider in China, using some of The Open University's teaching materials and associated teaching methods.
- For the partnership to develop to other areas of curriculum.

## The Benefits

- The opportunity to internationalise course content to the benefit of both institutions.
- Providing students with courses which meet their requirements both professionally and socially.
- Providing the possibility of institutional exchange visits for academic staff wishing to enhance their research opportunities.

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