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Ensuring the continuity of education in difficult times using online learning

Introduction

The University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao **is a private Catholic higher education institution**. It is run by the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, Philippines. The university offers a wide range of academic programs in Accounting, Business, Hospitality, Health and Allied Sciences, Education, Arts, and Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, and Information Technology. It aims to keep an academic standard that allows instructors and students to work at a level appropriate for their professional competency.

The **faculty and students** of the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao share their experience with using NEO LMS.

What made you consider our platform as a viable solution?

Dr. Emily Mabborang, Elementary Principal: Despite the distance, students can still learn and study in their respective homes. Likewise, teachers can keep on with conducting their lectures and educating the younger generation. **It provides the flexibility and accessibility they need to ensure normalcy in their day-to-day routine.** With the use of NEO LMS, students don't have to be held back a year from their education. They only need internet connectivity and a device to attend school again. In this way, physical distance and location won't be an issue for both students and teachers.

What improvements have you noticed since using NEO LMS?

Dr. Emily Mabborang, Elementary Principal: In the face-to-face classes, we would have spent 2 or 3 hours grading each exam by hand. However, now that we use the platform, I've found that this **grading takes just one or two minutes** because the platform provides us with the answers.

How do parents feel about their kids using an LMS for learning?

Dr. Emily Mabborang, Elementary Principal: When a learning management system (LMS) is used in the classroom, it may help to increase parent satisfaction. **Parents have instant access to their child's grades and academic success**, as well as the ability to communicate with teachers and administrators, thanks to the LMS. The result is an environment that encourages collaboration, transparency and engaging conversations among parents and educators.





How did NEO LMS elevate your online learning experience during the pandemic?

Dr. Emily Maborang, Elementary Principal: Online learning platforms, such as LMSs, have become a crucial component for successful teaching and learning in the pandemic, with remote learning appearing to be here to stay. Of course, face-to-face teaching is also an important aspect of the educational process. However, **this time span has also shown how learning in a virtual environment can offer unique benefits** and be a more open, engaging, and inclusive choice for students who benefit from nontraditional learning methods.

Jonalyn Santos, Instructor: It was not hard at all to transition from face to face to full online because we have been using the platform for a while already even before the pandemic. And thanks to NEO, **we did not have to worry about what to do or how to deliver our lessons anymore**, even in the middle of the lockdown last year.

What is the best feature of NEO LMS and why?

Dr. Emily Maborang, Elementary Principal: For me, the best feature of NEO LMS is **gamification**. We, teachers, may use this feature to build games for our classes, learning paths, and site-wide games. Gamification is based on automation, which is **a powerful function that allows us to easily activate actions such as awarding badges and points** to students for completing classroom tasks.

Jonalyn Santos, Instructor: Best feature for me is automatic checking of outputs and the **gradebook**. It's very useful for us teachers because it obviously makes our work easier.



What are the benefits of online learning that you like the most?

Ryan Corpuz, Student: Some of the most impressive benefits of online learning are its **convenience and portability**. It is convenient in the sense that you don't have to go to places to find information. Instead, you can use search engines to do so. On the other hand, portability in the sense that it is all handheld, **you can use any type of gadget** ranging from cell phones to desktop computers. Overall those are the best benefits of online learning.

Shannel Atal, Student: One of the benefits I like the most about online learning is that it gave me access to **studying in my own time**. I get to adjust the things I do according to my own schedule, making the product of my work to be better. Another benefit is that it **keeps me safe from potential outside harm** and makes me covid-free since we stay indoors most, if not all, of our time inside our houses.

How is the experience of using NEO LMS?

Ryan Corpuz, Student: NEO LMS presents the most basic modality in online learning. It is **easy to use and navigate**. In my own experience, I can say that NEO LMS is a user-friendly learning platform.

Shannel Atal, Student: NEO LMS gave great assistance to us online learners this school year. It was easy to operate and user friendly.

Both assessments to be done and the ones that are done are organized in a good way for the students' eyes. I also like that we can see announcements quickly and get notified when teachers post comments or have graded our outputs. It makes the job easier.

