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Information on ACT (Foundation Phase) modules AMAT511, AMAT521 and AWIL521 Covid-19 lockdown concessions

Dear ACT (Foundation Phase) student

I realise that you are concerned about the completion of your modules, especially modules AMAT521 and AWIL521, that require the implementation of lessons in practice while the closing of schools prevents you from collecting the necessary evidence as required to compile these portfolios. Because it is uncertain when schools will reopen and if teachers will have sufficient time to implement the practical tasks required for portfolios, revisions were made with regards to the portfolios for **AMAT521 and AWIL521 for 2020**.

The revised versions of the portfolios form part of the COVID-19 assignments that will be placed on the website and also distributed to students in hard copy. Please make sure you get hold of these instructions to compile the alternative portfolios. All formats to complete the portfolios are included in the respective tutorials.

These portfolios will also be explained in a presentation that will be uploaded on the website on the 9th of May.
For resources go to <http://distance.nwu.ac.za/downloads>; use the user name **Education** and pass word **education** to access and download the presentations.

NB! Take note: If you were fortunate to have already collected authentic and honest evidence in practice as required for these two portfolios before the lockdown was instated, you are still allowed to submit a portfolio compiled according the original version/instructions. **BUT NB!** make sure this is your own authentic and honest reflections and lesson implementations/observations; many students have failed their portfolios as a result of plagiarism!

Take note: If you have failed a portfolio and need to resubmit, you may resubmit the previous version and are allowed to **redo the sections that you have failed only IF the sections that you need to redo do not require tasks to be implemented in practice.**

HOWEVER: You have to **include the marking sheet of your previous submission with the marker's comments and final mark** to allow the marker to make the necessary adjustments to your final mark. If the previous portfolio marking sheet is not included, you will fail the portfolio again.

AMAT511:

With June examinations cancelled two assessments apply to AMAT511:

- 1. Original assignment:** If you have not done so already, you need to submit the original assignment for AMAT511 as communicated in the AMAT511 tutorial for 2020. (Social learning in mathematics through the Fishbowl approach). If you are not sure of the assignment, please view the recording of Session 1 of 2020 that was placed on the website.
- 2. COVID-19 assignment:** An alternative assessment (Covid-19 assignment) will replace the exam. This assignment forms part of the Covid-19 assignments for all academic modules that are being placed on the website and will also be distributed to students in hard copy. This assignment will also be explained during the presentation to be uploaded onto the website according to the white board time table (9th of May).

Submitting assignments and portfolios:

To submit portfolios and assignments, follow the communicated processes only. The process for submitting portfolios or assignments will be communicated to all students before the 9th of May. A link to this communication will be sent via SMS. Please make sure that the NWU has your correct cell phone number.

Keep safe and look after yourself and your loved ones

Regards

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