

12.0 STUDENT'S WELFARE

12.1 The Counselling Service

The Counselling unit is located on the Students Affairs building. Counselling is a unique activity of the guidance services. It is a face to face relationship in private, where the counselled is helped to find solution to self through dynamic interaction with the counsellor.

The College Counsellor offers a professional, confidential service to any member of the College experiencing difficulties of any kind. These can range from requests for factual information, and problems with studying to more emotional and personal problems.

The Counsellor will listen to anyone who wants to talk either about themselves or someone else they are worried about. Consultations are always confidential - information is never divulged unless the student gives express permission.

The Counselling Unit offers the following services:-

- i. Provision of individual and group guidance to assist individuals in achieving more effective personal, social educational achievement.
- ii. Orientation or adaptive services are provided to help students adjust better in any new environment. At the beginning of each academic year new students are admitted into the College some fell lost socially and psychologically in their new environment.
- iii. Informational service:- This equips students with better knowledge of educational, vocational and social opportunities so that they can make choices and decisions. Information are given on some social problems such as effects of drugs, alcohol, truancy, rioting etc.
- iv. Planning and placement services is to aid an individual to get into a job or secure treatment for some ailment in case the individual requires hospitalization

for one kind of sickness or another.

- v. The Unit also arranges for lectures from renowned people on social, psychological rehabilitation in the society e.g. Psychiatrists, Clinical Sociologists, Psychologist, Religious Ministers and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency etc.

People often feel they have benefited by getting to know themselves better by talking with us, after all no one will know that you've been to counselling unless you tell them. It is better to talk your problems before they assume crisis proportion.

12.2 Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES)

The Placement section handles all aspects of Students Industrial work experience schemes (SIWES) which is a skill training programme designed to expose and prepare students for industrial work situation they are likely to met after graduation from institution of higher learning.

The scheme aims at familiarizing students with work methods and exposing them to the needed experience in handling equipment and machinery that are not usually available in the educational institutions.

Although the scheme is financed by the Federal Government it is manned by the Industrial Training Fund (I. T. F.). It is only students studying the approved courses that could be enlisted for sponsorship every year either from the Universities, Polytechnics and College of Education. The duration of participation on the scheme is 4 months and is restricted to National Diploma One Students.

The operation of the placement office is with the cooperation of Directors of schools,

Head of Department and the Management Information System (MIS) Unit where data are collected for preparation of student's placement list. Students are always given orientation training before their departure to their respective establishments.

The Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) is an effective instrument for exposing students to the realities of work situation in Nigeria especially and the world in general in their chosen professions, in order to achieve the much needed technology advancement of the Nation.