

## Achieving Learner Success at DUT through Extended Curriculum Programmes

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### Background

- Throughput
- Academic support rather than academic development
- Large number of differently prepared students
- Extended Curriculum Programmes
- Difficulties with Staffing



### What is Academic Literacy(AL)?

- Academic Literacy – beyond knowing the language at the grammatical and vocabulary level
- Using the language within the context of Higher Education
  - Ways of doing things in Higher Education
- Reading and writing norms
- Norms of behaviour specific to a discipline (McKenna, 2004)



### My Interpretation of AL

- Academic writing
- Stress and anxiety management
- Lateral thinking
- Time management
- Study skills



### Teaching Strategies

- Games
- Role plays
- Group work
- Reflective writing
- Integrated project
- Peer assessment



## **Integrated project - Somatology**

- Poster presentation
- *Why?*
- How does this achieve learner success?
  - Research
  - Social responsibility
  - Oral and visual communication
  - Thinking within the practice of their discipline



## **Contribution to psychosocial issues**

- Sense of belonging
- Greater confidence
- Sense of achievement



## **Students perceptions**

- “Academic Literacy has its benefits because it has taught us to be confident and comfortable with ourselves and who we are as a person. Also how to interact better and communicate better with other people in the class”
- “Academic Literacy is all about teaching students small things that are not noticeable but they cause major impact in our lives”

