A CHANCE FOR A NEW BEGINNING, A SECOND CHANCE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

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Dreaming to become a professional, but you are out of school youth? Feeling sad because you didn’t continue your study and stopped when you were in high school? What if you will be given a chance to continue your study? Would you grab the opportunity to become a professional? ALS can help you on achieving your goals in life.

Alternative Learning System (ALS) is the answer to your dream of finishing your study. It is a parallel learning system in the Philippines that provides a practical option to the existing formal instruction. When one does not have or cannot access formal education in schools, ALS is an alternate or substitute. ALS includes both the non-formal and informal sources of knowledge and skills.

There are two major programs on ALS that are being implemented by the Department of Education, through the Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS). One is the Basic Literacy Program and the other is the Continuing Education Program - Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E). The Basic Literacy Program (BLP) is a program aimed at eradicating illiteracy among out-of-schools youth and adults (in extreme cases school-aged children) by developing basic literacy skills of reading, writing and numeracy while the other one, the Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Program is a program aimed at providing an alternative pathway of learning for out-of-school children, youth and adults who are basically literate but who have not completed the 10 years of basic education mandated by the Philippine Constitution. Through this program, school dropouts are able to complete elementary and high school education outside the formal school system. Both programs are modular and flexible. This means that learning can take place anytime and any place, depending on the convenience and availability of the learners.
The Department of Education establishes ALS to provide the out of school youth the basic education that they need. ALS classes can be on public elementary or high schools, barangay halls, rooms or building lent by government agencies or private companies and organizations, or any other space gather together, it is conducted by a licensed teacher employed by the Department of Education. The classes may take a minimum of 800 hours to complete, but it may vary depending on the progress of the learners. You just need to present your birth certificate, one valid ID and Form 137 to enroll in ALS classes.

ALS can help you to become professional, you just need to help yourself by studying through the help of them and learn from it. There is a chance for a new beginning and a second chance for a brighter tomorrow. As Audrey Hepburn said, “Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I’m Possible”, and with God everything is possible.