

**DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION,
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UNIVERSITY OF BENIN**



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Welcome Address

Greetings from the Head, Department of Vocational and Technical Education, University of Benin, Benin City. It is our joy to see that the move to upgrade the University Website is being given attention it deserves. We encourage this noble initiative while assuring the Department of

its maximum support. We in the Department of VTE shall endeavor to see that the Faculty is supported to the best of its ability. Warmest greetings from Dr. Robinson Owenbiugie, Head of the Department and its entire team.

History:

The history of Department of Vocational and Technical Education Programme in the University of Benin may be traced to a proposal titled: “Business Education” at the University of Benin. Some ideas written to the Vice-Chancellor by Professor Attwood of the Production Technology and Industrial Engineering Department dated 29th May, 1975 culminated the establishment of the department. The objective of the proposal was to train industrial managers and management consultants. Technical education programme originally evolved in the University through a memorandum from Professor A. Kuale, who was appointed the coordinator of the programme, by the Vice Chancellor. The first batch of students came into the programme in the 1989/1990 academic year. Business Education Programme was initially housed under the then Department of Health Education. (Now Department of Human Kinetics, Health and Environmental Safety Education) before it was later transferred to Department of Vocational and Technical Education. Agricultural Education and Home Economics Education programmes were later added to bring the number of programme areas to four in 1990/1991 academic year. The four programme areas were brought under one Department in 1991/1992 academic year. The Fine and Applied Art Education was added in 2021/2022 academic session, bringing the total programmes to five.

Mission

To be a world class Vocational and Technical Education Department rendering quality education programmes and skills acquisition for sustainable economic development in a constantly changing Technological environment.

Vision

To provide the Technical knowledge and Vocational skills necessary for agricultural, industrial, commercial and economic development.

Programmes Offered by the Department

Department of Vocational and Technical Education (VTE) is made up of Business Education, Home Economics Education, Agriculture Science Education, Industrial Technical Education, and Fine and Applied Art Education respectively. The Fine and Applied Art Education was added in 2021/2022 academic session.

Business Education comprised of:

- B.Sc. (Ed). Accounting
- B.Sc. (Ed). Office Technology and Management
- B.Sc. (Ed). Marketing
- B.Sc. (Ed). Entrepreneurship

Home Economics Education comprised of:

- B.Sc. (Ed). Home Economics
- B.Sc. (Ed). Child Development Education
- B.Sc. (Ed). Clothing and Textiles Education
- B.Sc. (Ed). Food and Nutrition Education
- B.Sc. (Ed). Home Management
- B.Sc. (Ed). Hospitality, Tourism Management Education

Industrial and Technology Education comprised of.

- B.Sc. (Ed.) Electrical Electronics Technology
- B.Sc. (Ed.) Building Construction Technology
- B.Sc. (Ed.) Wood Work Technology
- B.Sc. (Ed.) Mechanical (Automobile Technology)
- B.Sc. (Ed.) Mechanical (Metal Work Technology)

Agriculture Science Education will be made up of:

B.Sc. (Ed) Agriculture Science

Fine and Applied Arts Education comprised of:

- Ceramics and Glass Design
- Graphics Communication and Design
- Printing and Decorating
- Sculpture
- Textile Design and Production

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Projects: Under Department of Vocational and Technical Education, we have the following Projects:

- (i) Construction of Automobile Technical Shop and Pit
- (ii) Acquisition of Computers and accessories in the Computer Laboratory
- (iii) Upgrading the Department to a Faculty of Vocational and Technical Education

Laboratory: The Laboratories in VTE Department include:

- Clothing and Textile Lab
- Material Lab
- Electrical/Electronics Lab
- Building and Construction Lab
- Mechanical Lab
- Agric Lab

VTE Departmental Library is geared towards equipping the students with relevant Textbooks, Journals and Magazines in order to build and enhance their Business, Technical, Agriculture and Home Economics skills, knowledge, attitude and understanding

Journals or Publications:

The Journal domiciled in the Department of Vocational and Technical Education is called: TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION JOURNAL (TAVEJ)

<https://www.tavej.com.ng>

Photographs of Staff and Head of Department: As attached

