

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS): A SECOND CHANCE AT EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

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The Alternative Learning System (ALS) is a program implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd) in the Philippines to provide a second chance at education for adults who were not able to finish their basic education. This program aims to equip out-of-school youth and adults with the necessary skills and knowledge to improve their socio-economic status and contribute to the country's development.

According to the DepEd, ALS is a "flexible and inclusive" program that allows learners to study at their own pace and time (DepEd, 2020). The program consists of two main components: the Basic Literacy Program (BLP) and the Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Program. The BLP focuses on teaching basic literacy skills such as reading, writing, and numeracy, while the A&E Program assesses the learner's knowledge and skills and awards a certificate of completion equivalent to a high school diploma. Studies have shown that ALS has a positive impact on the lives of its learners. A study by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) found that ALS graduates have improved their socio-economic status and have become more productive members of their communities (PIDS, 2019). The study also noted that ALS has helped to reduce poverty and inequality in the country.

In conclusion, the Alternative Learning System is a vital program that provides a second chance at education for adults who were not able to finish their basic education. With its flexible and inclusive approach, ALS has helped to improve the lives of its learners and contribute to the country's development.

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