



Evaluating the progress against the five-year strategy

Macro to meso matters

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NWU receives Ministerial support for establishing Medical School

Crucial features:

- The lived context of community and distributed clinical training platform that enables a longitudinal, self-directed, integrated, interprofessional, and transdisciplinary learning environment.
- Duration of the programme to be six (6) years. Three (3) years integrated preclinical period followed by three (3) years of clinical training, and thereafter internship and community service.
- Klerksdorp/Tshepong hospital complex and affiliated hospitals and clinics in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District to serve as initial clinical training platform;
- Initial enrolment: 50 students, gradually increasing to 100 + over time as the clinical training platform strengthens and expands.



First intake:
2028



SIS Eagle project - launch of the Nexus CRM module

On 16 Febr 2024, the NWU went live with the first phase of the Student Information System (SIS) and launched the Student Client Relations Management (Nexus CRM) module, ushering in a new chapter in the history of the university.

Online Enquiries

Prospective applicants can express interest in university events and activities by using these enquiry forms to pose queries.

Application portal

Prospective students can register, apply for studies at the NWU, submit their applications, edit documentation, and track their status and progress, among other functionalities.

CRM system

Live environment with workspaces tailored to each staff member's role and permissions. Staff can utilise these workspaces to organise campaigns and events, manage leads and engage with applicants or students.

NWU Student (SIS)

This home page serves as the student information system, providing staff with workspaces for interacting with the students, student records, registration, results, accounts, and various other functionalities.



International collaboration

Collaboration with Servian researchers to focus on nuclear science advancements

A delegation from the University of Novi Sad in Serbia, visited NWU's Centre for Applied Radiation Science and Technology (CARST) from 20 to 24 February. The visit was funded by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria. CARST aspires to accredit its laboratory methods according to ISO17025:2017 - the international standard for testing and calibration laboratories - this collaboration will strengthen our quality in the field of Nuclear Sciences.

Unlocking frontiers: South African delegation explores China's education landscape

A delegation representing various South African universities was recently invited by the Intercultural Education Company (IEC) to explore the educational landscape of the People's Republic of China.



International collaboration

In the stratosphere together: NWU, NASA and Princeton University reach for the stars in Super Pressure Balloon project.

NWU researchers and students can access new data from NASA's Super Pressure Balloon programme. This collaboration was augmented on 20 December 2023 when it was highlighted in the National Space Council meeting at the White House, led by vice-president of the United States, Kamala Harris.



International collaboration agreements

Signed collaboration agreements with the following institutions:

- The University of Arizona, Located In Tucson, Arizona, U.S.A.
- North Carolina State University Raleigh, North Carolina, United States of America
- University of Kigali, Rwanda
- The University of The West Indies

These agreements serve as the starting point to leverage

- Staff and student mobility and exchange programme;
- Joint research activities, including joint research grant application, seminars, conferences, public lectures, think tanks, pitso's, etc.
- Research Development, collaboration, and reciprocal participation in doctoral (PhDs) and research master's programmes by staff members and students of the respective institutions;
- Sharing of resources, including publications, academic materials and other information;
- Capacity building at both institutions;



International collaboration

Visit by Ashesi University in Accra, Ghana opens door to collaboration

In a bid to explore opportunities for international collaboration, a delegation from Ashesi University in Accra, Ghana, recently visited the NWU. The visit follows discussions held in June 2023 with a multi-country team at the June Convention in Ghana. During this time the possibility of establishing a Southern African Hub with partner universities was discussed. This led to the latest follow-up visit by the Ashesi University delegation.

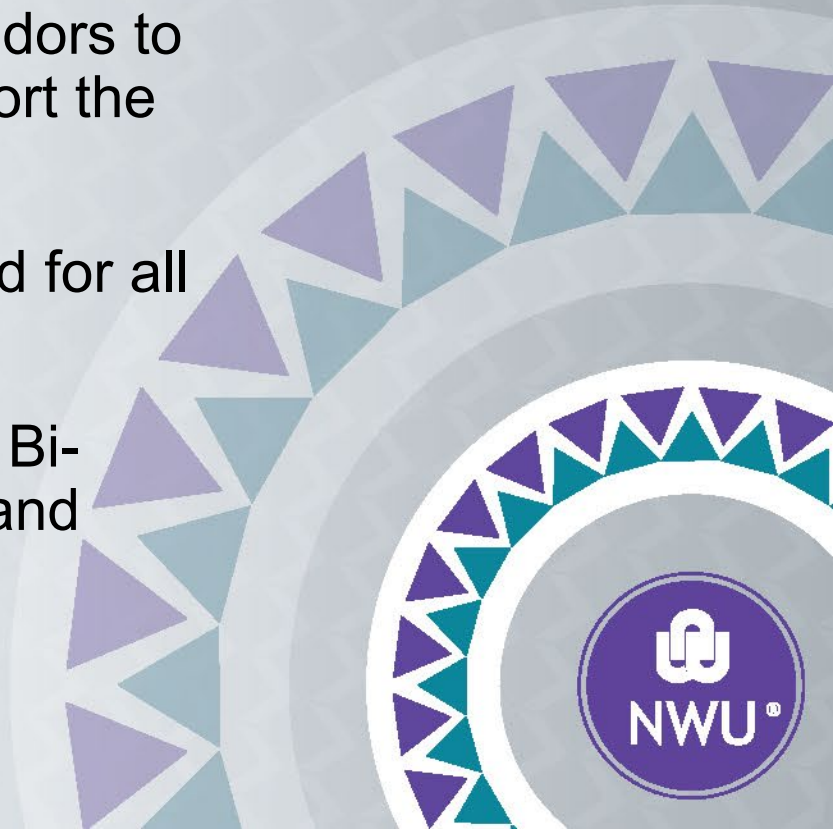


Other Strategic Project Snippets

Strategic Project	Status
1. Unitary Model Efficiencies> Staff Optimisation – Phase 3	Top structure realignment process has commenced and is underway. Progress updates to follow soon.
3. Positioning of the NWU Business School	November 2023- the Business School strategic plan entitled “ Forging a path to Excellence ” was developed
4. Increase the capacity of Municipal & Provincial Government	100 graduate programme with the North West provincial government. Now entering a monitoring & evaluation phase NWU signed an MOU with the Public Sector SETA in March 2024. PSETA committed 60 x 24-Months internship placements and 60 x PG bursaries (including honours)
5. Postgraduate & Missing Middle Funding	The NWU Strategic Plan, 2024 and beyond, highlights growth as one of its main priorities; growing the NWU’s trajectory and footprint in scope, quality, reach, postgraduate students and relevance in products and offerings. R2.9 Million has been allocated for the recruitment of postgraduate students: 47 x Honours, 54 x Masters and 21 x PhDs bursaries.
6. NWU Enterprise	Project Manager in full swing. Progress update and approval at Council
7. Centre for Sustainable Mining	Multi-stakeholder meetings taking place. Blessing from the Minister of DMRE to continue in this vein. NWU has planned a Mining Indaba for early April 2024 to further ascertain mining industry perspectives and needs. Through Faculty of Engineering: School of Mines and Mining Engineering working on curriculum proposals

Digital Business Strategy (DBS) and major IT projects

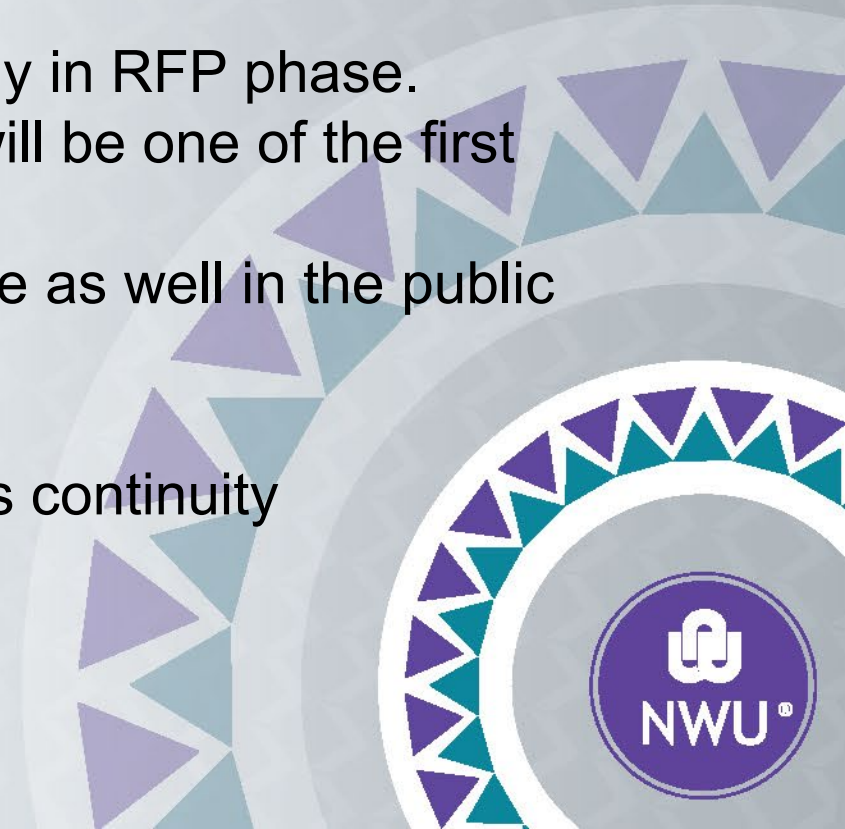
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been hailed as a game changer globally, many organizations and institutions continue to figure out areas of application to gain benefit from the new technology. NWU is making AI a focus theme in support of digital transformation.
- An AI policy framework as well as a NWU AI statement of intent is in development.
- A strategic partnership has been established with expert vendors to ensure availability of capacity and expertise needed to support the digital transformation journey.
- DBS and IT are working on a 3-year roadmap and dashboard for all major digital initiatives.
- IT and the DBS will move closer together by implementing a Bi-Modal IT strategy where mode 1 will focus on maintenance and growth and mode 2 on growth and innovation.



Digital Business Strategy (DBS) and major IT projects

Some of the major digital initiatives currently in progress include:

- The new student information system implementation as well as several subsystems, of which one is the optimisation of Higher Degrees Processes.
- Establishing a central Enterprise Portfolio and Project Management (EPPM) office as well as IT-PPM office.
- Working with external experts to establish a Data and Analytics Strategy and Operating Model.
- Replacing the old Learning Management System. Currently in RFP phase.
- Implementing a brand new integration platform. The SIS will be one of the first applications to make use of it.
- Establishing reliable and scalable infrastructure on-premise as well in the public cloud.
- Expand national and international collaborations.
- Align the IT Disaster Recovery plans to the NWU Business continuity requirements.
- Strengthen Cyber Security capabilities.



Official academic opening focuses on empowering excellence in 2024 and beyond

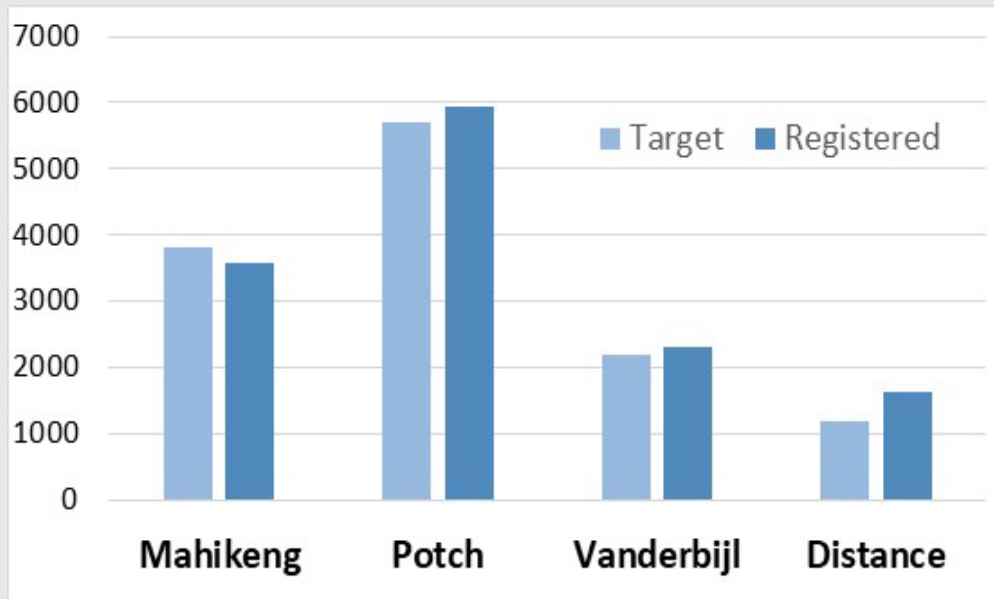


Classes commenced on 12 February



Enrolment Targets

First Time Entering Students



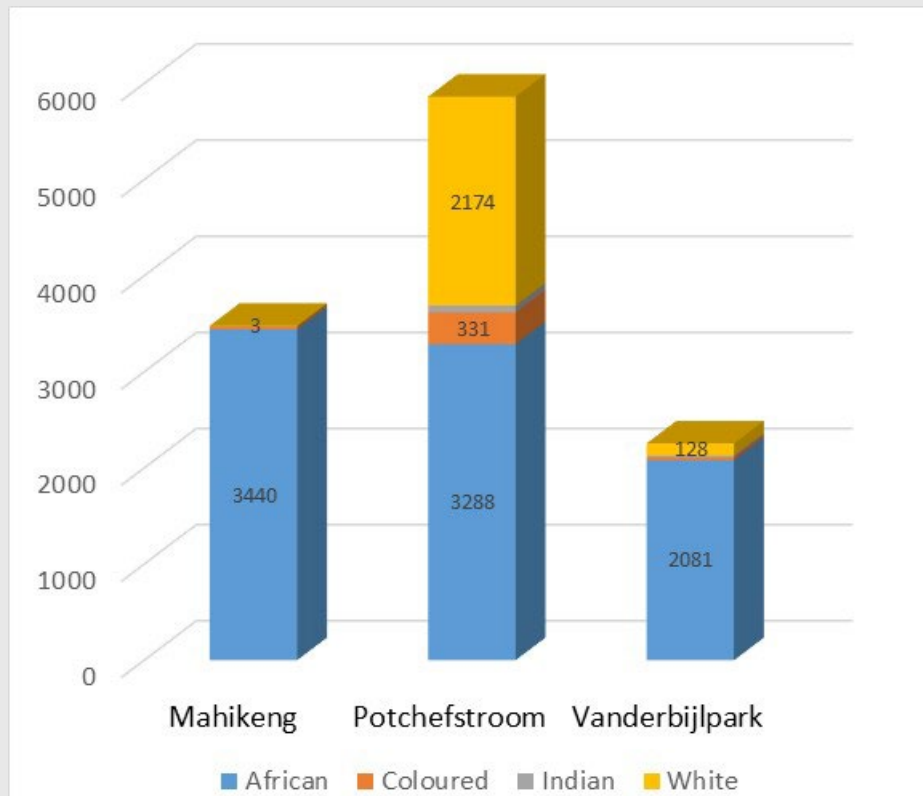
FTENs	Target	Registered	% of target reached
Mahikeng	3 803	3 623	95%
Potch	5 714	5 940	104%
Vanderbijl	2 200	2 336	106%
Distance	1 187	1 653	139%
TOTAL NWU	12 904	13 552	105%

Total headcount (Excl M and PhD)

> 6,4% Growth from 2022-2024

Year	Enrolment
2022	49 619
2023	51 035
2024	52 774

Demographic profile



	African	Coloured	Indian	White
Mahikeng	3440	30	6	3
Potchefstroom	3288	331	70	2174
Vanderbijlpark	2081	30	17	128