## Program Objective of PGDELT

The PGDELT program prepares the ELT learner as a ELT practitioner. The objective is to share a balance between theory and practice in the background knowledge of the learning process in a classroom situation. The mission is to develop teaching competence amongst the learners. The program develops new motivations for present and future learning. The program seeks to build professional development for in-service teachers so that they can extend their existing knowledge and skills and develop new ones. Since PGDELT is a teacher development program in West Bengal which is accessed only at NSOU through open and distance learning, it provides an opportunity to the learners to learn while earning.

PGDELT in Open and Distance learning is characterized by self learning materials, tutorials, seminars and workshops, counselling advice and services, assessment and accreditation. The self learning materials are especially designed to suit the distance learning. Electronic learning materials are used for update and revision. English graduate (10+2+3) with English as a pass subject are eligible for the course. The PCPs are for 28 weeks (Theory Classes- 18 weeks, Practical Sessions- 4 weeks). The target group learners are teachers from schools across the State. School teachers from West Bengal Board are more in number. Candidates who are not in the teaching profession but would be teachers in future also come for the program. Candidates, who want to pursue MAELT, but do not have qualifications come to the program. After a successful PGDELT they are eligible for PGELT.