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The Department of Economic Development and Tourism Department is offering a post-graduate programme in partnership with The University of KwaZulu Natal. This is a Regional and Local Economic Development Initiative that was launched in 2012 and its aims are:

- To promote LED research and learning
- To build critical thinking in relation to LED
- Continuing professional development
- The creation of a professional network of LED graduate
- To strengthen the implementation practice of LED institutions.

This initiative offers;

- Two degrees which are Masters of Commerce and Post Graduate Diploma focusing on LED.
- An annual Winter School that is useful to practitioners.
- Young Researchers Programme
- Journal: Skills@Work
- Champions Programme