“Adding pearls onto the string”
collaboration providing library services to nursing students at CPUT

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Background

1996 – Section 104 Constitution of RSA authority to provinces over education at all levels, excluding HEI’s.

1997 – Colleges transferred to national government Nursing colleges – integrate in HEIs or be autonomous

2007 - Agency agreement
WCCN expanded to 8 sites

2014 – Transfer of WCCN to CPUT
CPUT Libraries Role

Staff support
1 Librarian & 1 Library assistant to Nico Malan
Evening librarian appointed

Operations support
Provisions of IT equipment
Loading WCCN items to
CPUT Libraries LMS (Aleph)

Budget and financial support
Budget code for Athlone library
Collection development funding

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CPUT Libraries Role

Service alignment

Branches represented in CPUT Libraries structures
Responsible for services & procedures
WCCN Role

Oversight role
  Governance vested in a Library Committee of WCCN

Budget provision
  WCCN’s budget for the library

Infrastructure
  Responsible for any structural alterations
CPUT Faculty of H&W

Infrastructure set-up
Computers in the library computer lab - IT support

Negotiation partner
Responsible for negotiating with WCCN, Southern Cape College and Boland College

Funding
Collection funding
Staffing costs
Pays for travel costs
Relationship building: challenges

Structural & Cultural differences
WCCN single library structure
CPUT multi-campus entity with Branch Managers

Lack of clarity of authority & responsibility
CPUT Libraries primary responsibility to serve all CPUT students
WCCN also has mandate to serve students & staff in Athlone.
Relationship building: challenges

Change management

CPUT Libraries seen as “taking over” our library

Staff not sure about their own future
Relationship building: Successes

Organisational learning
  Sharing of insights with others

Resource Sharing
  New H&W databases
  Use of other CPUT Libraries’ branch libraries

Organisational growth
  Growth of library support for students

Improvement of access to services
  Multi-campus access
Conclusion

Partnership between WCCN and CPUT has its own challenges however through consultation, communication and good faith by all involved, the successes outweigh any perceived negative consequences.
THANK YOU!!!