A public agency (formally an EPA, établissement public administratif) administered by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, CNED was originally established in Paris in 1939 to solve problems stemming from the fragmentation of the educational system. After the war, the institution contributed to the expansion of upward mobility. Since then, enrollments have grown with the expansion of educational offerings. CNED is the leading provider of lifelong learning in Europe and in the French-speaking world. The agency employs 5,000 teaching and nonteaching professionals in the design, delivery, and evaluation of educational programs and in student services and support.

◆ MAIN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY
A government agency with a twin mission - Regulated education CNED provides public distance-education services on behalf of the state (from decree 2009-238 of February 27, 2009)
- Lifelong learning CNED provides education for everyone who has an educational objective regardless of their age or other circumstances. Its programs include higher education, professional training, and preparation for qualifying exams, among others).

◆ STRENGTHS
CNED, at the center of the digital revolution Digital technologies have fundamentally altered society's access to knowledge and the way that new generations learn more connected, more networked, and more mobilelearn. CNED strives constantly to respond to that technological transformation, adapting its learning tools and services to meet the public's varied training needs. Within the educational system of which it is an integral part, CNED has built partnerships to better respond to the demands of individuals and large national education projects. As a public agency, CNED works for the public and is committed to individual success. A government agency devoted to distance education and e-learning, CNED leverages innovation to enable everyone, students, faculty, and professionals to learn using today's technologies. For those in school, coming back to school, or seeking continuing education, anyone with an educational goal, whatever their age or circumstances, CNED has solutions to offer. Thanks to the diversity of its educational programs and services, CNED is in the unique position of offering continuity in learning from preparatory courses to master's degrees.