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Learnerships

Further Education and Training
Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute

What is a Learnership?

A learnership is a learning programme which empowers the student with an occupational qualification. The Learnership approach includes classroom-based theoretical learning, practical and workplace experience.

How much will it cost?

The Learnership Programme is offered at no cost to the student and funded by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture – the only cost for the student is transport to and from Elsenburg as well as the practical facility.

How long does it take?

The duration of the learnership is a minimum of 10 months.

What will I get at the end of the Learnership?

On successful completion of the learnership an NQF (National Qualifications Framework) qualification is obtained. At the end of the academic year successful students take part in the graduation ceremony where they are awarded certificates issued by AgriSETA and endorsed with the SAQA (South African Qualifications Authority) hologram. Further studies are always encouraged to better your situation.

Will I get a job after completing the Learnership?

No employment is guaranteed. The employer who provides you an opportunity for practical workplace experience also doesn't have an obligation to provide you with employment. However, the learnership programme will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge which will put you in a more employable position.

THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS IS OFFERED:

National Certificate: Plant Production (NQF 4)

Accredited by the AgriSETA, SAQA ID 49009 will be presented for a minimum of 10 months. The generic Plant Production qualification is presented in three agricultural disciplines; namely **Vegetable Production, Viticulture (grapes)** and **Pomology (fruits)**. Each programme is identical with regard to the registered unit standards, however teaching within the programmes focus on the relevant commodity respectively.

Entrance requirements:

- Learners in possession of different levels of practical experience in farming operations, with basic numeracy / literacy and communication competencies equivalent to NQF level 3 (Grade 11/ Std. 9)
- School leavers (Grade12/ Matric) from agricultural schools; and
- Youth, women and unemployed from previously disadvantaged communities involved in agricultural projects.

- Learners from both genders

COMPULSORY: Access to land or Farm for Practical

National Certificate: Animal Production (NQF Level 4)

Accredited by the AgriSETA, SAQA ID, 48979 will be presented over a minimum of 10 months. The generic Animal Production qualification is presented to encompass Small and Large stock.

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- Learners in possession of different levels of practical experience in farming operations, with basic numeracy / literacy and communication competencies equivalent to NQF level 3 (Grade 11/Std. 9)
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COMPULSORY: Access to land or Farm for Practical

Basic requirements/arrangements for practical/workplace experience:

The following will be beneficial towards placement on the learnership programme.

- Farm worker child
- Residing in Rural Node
- Passed Grade 12
- Passed Mathematics/Maths Lit
- Physical Science
- Life Science
- Agricultural Science
- Agricultural experience
- Agricultural training
- Beneficiaries of farm/land for agricultural purposes

PLANNED ROLL-OUT OF LEARNERSHIP PROGRAMME: (Subject to change)

2 Weeks Orientation@ Elsenburg: January
 5 Weeks Theory@ Elsenburg: February/March
 3 Weeks Practical: March
 5 Weeks Theory @ Elsenburg: April/May
 3 Weeks Practical: May
 5 Weeks Theory :@ Elsenburg June
 3 Weeks Practical: July
 5 Weeks Theory@ Elsenburg: August/September
 3 Weeks Practical: September
 6 Weeks Theory :@ Elsenburg October/November
 Graduation: December

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The selection process will be executed by the Learnership Recruitment Committee.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 30 JUNE OF EACH YEAR.

Applications will not be accepted without the following:

- a certified copy of ID
- latest certified academic results (including short courses)
- an updated CV
- a letter from the farm where practical/workplace experience will take place.
- Proof of Residential address

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