



**UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO AND SERVICES SETA**  
**FUNERAL PARLOUR, MEDICAL AND HARZRODOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
**LEARNERSHIP AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME**



### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1. LEARNERSHIP

A learnership is a structured learning programme which includes (30%) theoretical and (70%) practical workplace experiential learning over a period of 12 months. Learners will be expected to sign a learnership agreement with certificates awarded only upon successful completion of the full twelve months. A refund policy will be implemented for learners who withdraw during the programme.

#### 2. FUNERAL PARLOUR

- **Purpose:** The purpose of these sub-programme is to train and enhance the knowledge & skills of the community in order to improve professionalism and quality of service within the funeral parlour industry.
- **Aims:** To empower learners with skills on safe handling and burial of corpses, minimising cross infection to the handlers and to provide a safe environment in terms of infection control in the preparation room for staff and visitors (sanitation and universal precautions).
- **Rationale:** Most people working in the Funeral Parlour Industry have no training. The graduates will be able to fill the niche area in the Funeral Parlour Industry by providing professional services to their clients, as well as maintain good business practices. The programme also ensures that there will be a perpetuation of job creation in the funeral services and upskill the communities.
  
- **Modules to be offered (January to June 2018)**

MODULE CODE	MODULE NAME	CREDITS
MSMC01A:	Administration and Marketing Procedures in Funeral Business	16
MSMC01B:	Preparing, Handling and Transporting of Human Remains for Burial	20
MSMC01C:	Preparing the Funeral Site for Burial, Cremation or Memorial Services	16
MSMC01D:	Exhuming Human Remains	12
MSMC01E:	Experiential Learning	32
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>96</b>

*The Certificate will be pitched at NQF Level 5.*

#### 3. MEDICAL AND HARZARDOUS WATSE MANEGEMENT

- **Purpose:** To provide students with basic knowledge of the integrated medical and hazardous waste management principles and hierarchy of medical and hazardous waste management. The course will enhance the capacity of the technical and practical aspects of medical and hazardous waste management.
- **Aims:** To empower learners with skills on safe handling of medical and hazardous waste, minimising cross infection to the handlers and to provide a safe environment in terms of infection control (sanitation and universal precautions).
- **Rationale:** People who come in direct contact with the medical and hazardous waste are at high risk. These includes healthcare workers, cleaning staff, patients, visitors, waste collectors, disposal site staff, waste pickers, drug addicts and those who knowingly or unknowingly use “recycled” contaminated syringes and needles. This sub-programme is aimed at addressing the following most common problems:
  - Legal regulations governing medical and hazardous waste management



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- Little or no management of medical and hazardous waste
- Poor segregation of waste at point of generation
- Improper disposal of medical and hazardous waste
- Improper operation of incinerators/ using unlicensed incinerators
- Dumping into sewage and water systems
- Poor Infection control and use of personal protective preventative measures/equipment (PPEs)
- Transportation of medical and hazardous waste

Given the risks posed by improper and inadequate disposal of large quantities of medical and hazardous waste, students will be trained on safe and available methods of a comprehensive system, from generation to disposal of medical and hazardous waste

- **Modules to be offered (July to December 2018)**

MODULE CODE	MODULE NAME	CREDITS
MSMD01A:	Introduction to Medical and Hazardous Waste Management	16
MSMD01B:	Medical and Hazardous Waste Management Systems	16
MSMD01C:	Handling of Medical and Hazardous Waste	16
MSMD01D:	Regulation Procedures on Medical and Hazardous Waste Management	16
MSMD01E:	Experiential Learning	32
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