

What is a public FET College?

Public further education and training (FET) Colleges strive to provide high-quality education and training to help you equip yourself with the qualifications and skills you need to start out on a chosen career path. You will gain invaluable life skills to meet the many challenges of the working world with more than just a qualification on paper.

Public FET colleges also work closely with players and stakeholders from various industries to help fulfill the great need that exists for trained, skilled and qualified employees through customized education and training programmes.

LIFE SKILLS ARE IMPORTANT

Programmes are more career-orientated. They are more than just academic and you are more than just a number.

FET IS ABOUT YOU AS A PERSON.



WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER VOCATIONAL TRAINING AT A PUBLIC FET COLLEGE?

The education and training offered at a public FET college is customised and responsive to the needs of students and industry. The careers they encourage are essential for the economic upliftment of the South African economy.

A FET vocational programme will equip you for a successful and rewarding career in an industry that has great need for your practical skills, experience and knowledge, and will also provide you with access to higher education and lifelong learning. This means your earning potential can be unlimited.



How will attending a public FET college benefit me?

As a public FET college student, you will gain integrated theoretical and practical experience and exposure to your chosen industry, as well as a meaningful qualification as part of an affordable education – to which every South African has a right. This is true not only if you are just starting your career-focused education, but also if you are an adult of any age interested in additional training in the career you are following – or even interested in making a complete career change! A public FET college programme helps you to master skills to build your future.

BENEFITS

What is a National Certificate (Vocational)?



From January 2007, the National Certificate (Vocational) will replace the NATED courses (N1-N3) at public FET colleges. The National Certificate (Vocational) is a new and modern qualification at levels 2, 3, and 4 of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). This NC (Vocational) will be introduced at FET colleges at NQF Level 2 in 2007, Level 3 in 2008 and Level 4 in 2009.

The National Certificate (Vocational) is the new curriculum that is being introduced at public FET colleges around the country. It gives Grade 9 learners a vocational alternative to an academic Grade 10-12 by offering industry focussed training at NQF levels 2-4.

These qualifications are designed to provide both theory and practice. The practical component of study may be offered in a real workplace environment or in a simulated workplace environment. It will provide students with an opportunity to experience work situations during the period of study. The qualification will also provide an opportunity to enter higher education studies, depending on appropriate subject combinations.

A new vocational study opportunity at public FET colleges

From 2007, public FET colleges will offer exciting, modern and relevant vocational programmes. These vocational programmes are the 11 high skills, high quality and high knowledge programmes to be introduced at FET colleges. These programmes are intended to respond directly to the priority skills demands of the modern economy.



OPPORTUNITY