

Short Learning Programme Outline: The Constitutional Mandate of Local Government Training duration - 8 contact hours

Purpose of short learning programme (SLP)

The purpose of this short learning programme is to enable councillors to understand the status, objectives and place of local government within the constitutional framework, the extent of its powers and functions and its relationships with national and provincial government.

***Admission/entrance requirements**

- A National Senior Certificate (NSC)
- A National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 (NCV4) or
- An appropriate Further Education and Training Certificate or equivalent.
- Good reading and writing skills at NQF level 4 is recommended.

* Please note that the entrance requirements are only applicable, if the student chooses to be assessed.

Attendance requirements

Kindly note students are required to remain in class for the duration of the course.

Course outline

Historical events

Constitutional era

The white paper on local government

National legislation

Constitution - General characteristics

- Constitutional values
 - Constitutional supremacy
 - Rule of law
 - Democracy

- Bill of rights
- Separation of powers
- Distribution of governmental power and co-operative government

Local government

- Status
 - It is a distinct form and partner in government
 - It governs
 - It is an organ of state
 - It is an employer
 - It is a legal person
 - It is a member of organised local government
 - It must consult the community
- Objects of local government
- The municipal area of jurisdiction
- Composition and tenure of municipal councils
- Meaning of municipality
- Political structures
 - Categories and types of municipalities
 - Mayoral executive systems
 - Sub-council system
 - Ward participatory system
 - Other committees

Powers and functions

- Schedules 4 and 5 matters
- Shared matters
- Fiscal powers and functions
- Assignment
- Subsidiary
- Unfunded mandates
- Division of powers and functions: B and C municipalities

Municipal council and the exercise of power

Assessment practice (Optional)

- Students need to obtain a 50% pass mark overall in order to be issued with a university Certificate of Compliance.

Training delivery

- Training can take place at the Nelson Mandela University's Bird Street campus in PE or on-site.

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