

Short Learning Programme (SLP) Outline: Criminal Investigation I 40 contact hours (5 days)

Purpose of Short Learning Programme (SLP)

The purpose of this SLP is to prepare law enforcement officers with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively manage a crime scene in support of investigations in fishery crimes.

Range Statement

- Learners with previous practical experience in the field can operate independently;
- Learners with no prior experience should exercise their duties under the guidance of an experienced Fishery Control Officer until such officer is satisfied that he/she is competent to act independently.

Admission requirements/Learning assumed to be in place

Access to this short learning programme is granted to applicants who meet the following minimum admission requirements:

- A National Senior Certificate (NSC) granting access to a Diploma
- National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 or
- An appropriate Further Education and Training Certificate or equivalent

Learning assumed to be in place

- It is assumed that the student would be competent in the language of instruction (English at NQF Level 4), Mathematical Literacy (NQF Level 4) and the theoretical knowledge and understanding accomplished at that level.
- Ability to manage own time in a disciplined manner;
- Be an independent learner who is able to keep to set deadlines.

Course Outline

- The investigation process
- Conduct at a crime scene
- Compiling case dockets
- Applications for search warrants

- Interviewing and interrogation¹
- Investigation aids
- Handling of informers

Assessment practice

This SLP will be assessed continuously. The assessment will consist of various practical assessment opportunities created for the students, where it will be expected of them to participate in role play activities and or do case studies and group work during the contact session. Continuous evaluation. 100% class mark – no formal examination.

Moderation of the Assessment

Students will develop POE's which will be capable of being moderated.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) statement pertaining to this short learning programme

Potential candidates may apply for RPL to the Director of the Centre or to the department based on substantial previous experience in the field of Criminal Justice. On application the department may request a portfolio of evidence which will be assessed in terms of the Nelson Mandela University RPL Policy.

The Faculty policy, derived from the institutional policy, requires that each RPL applicant be assessed on an individual basis.

The applicant will approach either the Director CLA or relevant academic department regarding the Nelson Mandela University and Faculty RPL policy and process, and the academic department will screen and advise the candidate whether or not the RPL process is an option. The applicant will complete the standard application form and pay the application fee upon which the department will nominate an assessor to be approved by the FMC.

The appointed assessor will meet with the applicant to explain the RPL assessment process, the specific assessment criteria and the type of evidence(s) required. The HOD will verify that quality assurance requirements have been met.

The outcome of the RPL process, including written reports by the assessor and a recommendation regarding status recognition and admission to the short learning programme will be presented to the FMC. The FMC secretary will communicate the FMC decision to the Faculty Officer, who in turn will communicate per official letter the outcome to the applicant and copy the HOD in all correspondence.

Unsuccessful applicants will be referred to the CAAR assessment consultant to be advised on alternative options available to them. Appeals concerning the outcome of the RPL process will be lodged with the Faculty Officer who will inform the HOD for placement on the FMC agenda.

Attendance Requirements

Kindly note delegates are required to **attend all training days for the duration of the course.**

Credits

- The **Criminal Investigation I** SLP is registered at the Nelson Mandela University and carries **15 credits** on **NQF level 6** towards the **Diploma in Law Enforcement**, a formal qualification offered at the university.
- Candidates who have successfully completed the SLP and who wish to enrol for the specified formal qualification to which the credits are registered, may apply to the University for the exemption of the credits achieved, **provided that the candidate meets all entrance requirements as set for the formal qualification**

Training delivery

Training can take place at the Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth or on-site.

Rider

Students will not be allowed to complete more than 50% of the 120 credits of a formal qualification through SLPs. Completion of this SLP will not lead to a formal qualification.

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