

## Short Learning Programme (SLP) Outline: Introduction to the Constitution & Bill of Rights 40 contact hours (5 days)

### **Purpose of Short Learning Programme (SLP)**

This credit bearing SLP will prepare students to have sound knowledge of the basic principles of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and its application in the criminal justice system.

### **Range Statement**

This SLP will identify and clarify the Constitutional rights of all individuals in any criminal proceeding in South Africa as contemplated in the South African Constitution and Bill of Rights.

### **Minimum Entrance Requirements/Learning to be in place for this Short Learning Programme**

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

- A National Senior Certificate (NSC) granting access to a Higher Certificate or
- A National Certificate (Vocational) Level 4 (NCV4) or
- An appropriate Further Education and Training Certificate or equivalent.

### **Learning 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.

### **Assessment Practice**

Formative and summative assessments will be undertaken. Students will be assessed during a 2 hour final examination (60 marks) at the end of the short learning programme. The formative assessment will consist of various assessment opportunities created for the students, where it will be expected of them to complete short assignments, do case studies and group work.

The formative assessment is used to give regular feedback to monitor their progress and also to ensure they are mastering the work. The formative assessment will count towards 40% of the final mark. At the end of the SLP students will have a summative assessment opportunity where they will sit for a 2 hour examination counting 60%. Students need to obtain a 50% pass mark overall.

### **Attendance Requirements**

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

### **Course Outline**

- Sources of Constitutional Law
- Constitution: General Characteristics
  - Constitutional values
  - Distribution of Governmental Power and Co-operative Government
- Bill of Rights
  - Introduction
  - Quality
  - Human Dignity
  - Life
  - Freedom and Security of the Person
  - Slavery, Servitude and Forced Labour
  - Privacy
  - Freedom of Religion, Belief and Opinion
  - Freedom of Expression
  - Assembly, Demonstration, Picket and Petition
  - Freedom of Association
  - Political Rights
  - Citizenship
  - Freedom of Movement and Residence
  - Freedom of Trade, Occupation and Profession
  - Labour Relations
  - Environment
  - Property
  - Housing
  - Health care, Food, Water and Social Security
  - Children
  - Education

- Language and Culture
- Access to Information
- Just Administrative Action
- Access to Courts
- Arrested, Detained and Accused Persons
- Limitation of Rights
- Victims' Rights
- Judicial Authority
  - Constitutional Court
  - Other Courts
  - Powers of Courts in Constitutional Matters
- Parliament
  - Composition and Functions of Parliament
  - Legislative Authority of Parliament and NCOP
- The President and the National Executive
- Provinces
  - Legislative Authority
  - Executive Authority of a Province
- Local Government
- Status
  - Objects of Local Government
  - The Municipal Area of Jurisdiction
  - Composition and Tenure of Municipal Councils
  - Meaning of Municipality
  - Powers and Functions
- Municipal Council and the Exercise of Power

### Credits

- The Introduction to the Constitution & Bill of Rights short course is registered at the Nelson Mandela University and carries 12 credits on NQF level 5 towards the Higher Certificate: Criminal Justice, 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 on campus in Port Elizabeth or on-site.

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