

# FACULTY OF HEALTH

OC: Health Promotion Officer L3 (163 Credits) - 1 year

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

- $\bullet$  The purpose of this qualification is to prepare a learner to:
- Carry out basic assessments of communities, households, groups and individuals
- Provide basic health education and referrals for a wide range of services
- Support and assist in navigating the health and social services

Students undergo 30% theory and 70% Workplace & Practical Work placement Guaranteed in guaranteed at MUST Graduate Academy!!!







# 1: ENTRY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

#### Learners who want to register for this qualification must have;

- Ancillary Health Care NQF Level 1 or
- ABET Level 4 with FLC
- Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 (No specific subjects are required).
- NQF Level 1 or equivalent competences in Mathematical Literacy and Communications.



## 2: MODULES BY STUDY COMPONENTS

#### **Knowledge (Theory) Modules**

- Public and Community health support. (22 Credits)
- Family and Community Services. (10 Credits)
- Basics of Community Health. (8 Credits)

Total Credits for Knowledge Subjects: 40

## **Practical (simulations) Skills Modules**

- Mobilise community to address community health issues. (4 Credits)
- Identify the service needs and ease of access to health and social services. (4 Credits)
- Promote healthy life styles and mental wellbeing. (6 Credits)
- · Promote HIV prevention including HIV testing, condom use, partner reduction, circumcision, STI treatment. (4 Credits)
- Provide information on prevention of accidents and incidents in homes. (4 Credits)
- Record and report on information provided to individuals, households and communities. (4 Credits)
- Promote child health. (4 Credits)
- Support community members with psychosocial problems. (3 Credits)
- Provide an integrated approach to support treatment adherence. (4 Credits).
- Identify and treat a select number of minor ailments.(8 Credits)
- Provide basic support to people who are unable to care for themselves. (4 Credits)
- Promote and provide support for maternal and women's health. (14 Credits)

Total Credits for Practical Skills Modules: 63.

#### **Work Experience Modules:**

- Operation and dynamics of communities. (6 Credits)
- Household registration and assessment processes. (14 Credits)
- Health promotion processes. (6 Credits)
- Formal health provision processes. (12 Credits)
- Emotional and social wellness support processes. (6 Credits)
- Household treatment processes of minor ailments. (16 Credits)

Total Credits for Work Experience Modules: 60



## 3: LEARNING OUTCOMES

### Recipients of this Qualification will be able to:

- Treat simple diseases, injuries, wounds and refer to the clinic
- Provide basic nursing care
- Provide palliative care
- Take temperature, BP, Pulse and respiration
- · Check outbreak of transmitted diseases, teach and refer for treatment
- · Check Sexual Transmitted Infections, teach and refer for treatment
- · Check children and refer for immunization









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- · Check pregnant mothers, mothers who have given birth and their babies and refer for treatment
- · HIV and AIDS testing and counseling
- Check drug and substance abusers and refer them to rehabilitation centers
- Teach people about dangers of drug and substance abuse
- Teach people about cleanliness of in-house, environment and water
- · Teach about women and men's health
- · Teach about child's health
- · Teach about health life styles
- Conduct household assessments and identify those at risk of health related issues including impairments in health
- Provide information, education and support for healthy behaviors and appropriate home care
- Provide psychosocial support
- Identify and manage minor health problems



## 4: ARTICULATION OPTIONS

#### Enroll for higher level qualifications such as:

- Further Education and Training Certificate: Community Health Work at NFQ Level 4
- Further Education and Training Certificate: Community Development: HIV/AIDS Support,
- Higher Certificate in Social Auxiliary Work at NQF Level 5
- · Mid level course is being developed to bridge to Degree in Health Promotion Officer Degree in Health Promotion



# **5: JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Find Employment

- Major employer is Department of Health (Clinics, rehabilitation centers, testing and counseling centers) through its implementation of Primary Health Care Re-engineering under NHI.
- Other employers include Schools, waste disposal plants, water purification plants, local municipalities, Mental Health Centers, Old age homes, mines, Health Research centers, Cancer foundation, heart foundation, diabetes foundation, social department, department of housing and NGOs.



## 6: ACCREDITATION & CERTIFICATION

#### ASSESSMENT OF THIS PROGRAMME

MUST Graduate Academy will conduct internal assessments by means of assessment activities and signed-off work experience log sheets. Upon successful completion of all 3 module Components, MUST Graduate Academy provides a statement of results to the candidate and QCTO, as part of the candidate's application to complete the External Summative Assessment conducted by the QCTO

### LEARNING PROCESS

Learners will be formatively assessed in theoretical studies on the basis of assignments, an individual and group project and as well as short test. Assignments, case studies, problem-solving techniques will assist with formative assessment. Learners will also be formatively assessed in real work environment on the basis of observation in natural setting; unobtrusive or planned. Behavior and performance will be evaluated.

#### **EXAMINATION**

Upon completion of the training learners will be issued with a statement of results (SOR) by MUST Graduate Academy which will allow them to sit for national examination (EISA - External integrated Summative Assessment)). NB: National examinations are written in March and October/November every year.

## CERTIFICATION

Learners who pass EISA (External Integrated Summative Assessment) will be awarded Occupational Qualification: Health Promotion Officer L3 by QCTO(Quality Counsel for Trades & Occupation).

## CREDITS AND SAQA APPROVAL

Approved by SAQA at NQF Level 3, SAQA ID 94597, with 163Credits.