

APPLICATION - JULY 2021 INTAKE FOR PILOT PHASE IN HORTICULTURE & CROP HUSBANDRY

NTA LEVEL 2 - AT THE WOLWEDANS DESERT ACADEMY

12 MONTH LEVEL 2, FOLLOWED BY AN 18 MONTH LEVEL 3 PROGRAMME

Bursaries for 12 trainees are co-funded by ConTine – a German based NGO lead-funding the pilot stage of Wolwedans Horticulture Training

The Wolwedans Desert Academy is an accredited vocational training provider, registered with Namibia Training Authority (NTA) and located in the heart of NamibRand Nature Reserve in the Hardap Region. The Desert Academy is a Wolwedans Foundation Community Development Project. During the last twelve years over 300 trainees have graduated through the Wolwedans Foundation in the field of Tourism & Hospitality.

Wolwedans Desert Academy seeks to expand its training scope by adding "Horticulture and Crop Husbandry" to its training offering. We plan to commence with a pilot training cycle mid 2021, seed-funded by ConTine. Please note that Wolwedans Desert Academy is *not yet accredited* with the NQA/NTA for Horticulture and endeavours to be accredited within the next 12 months. This should not stop us from starting. The time is now, to get going with this highly relevant training in times of COVID.

We hereby invite suitable candidates to apply for the first round of training (as a pilot round) for twelve young Namibians who have "green thumbs" and horticulture at their heart.

The basis is an eleven-month "NTA Level 2 - Horticulture and Crop Husbandry" (Q0857). Upon successful completion you continue with your 18-month NTA Level 3 programme in "Crop and Horticulture Production" (Q0854). "Animal Husbandry" will be offered as an elective subject both in Level 2 and 3.

Theory and practical training happens at Wolwedans (except for internships during your final year), and hence trainees must be prepared to stay in the desert for ten consecutive weeks at a time, with two week breaks in between, and longer summer holidays. Transport to/from Windhoek to Wolwedans as well as board and lodging will be provided as part of the course.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum: Pass in Grade 10 (preferably Grade 12)
- English proficiency (speak | read | write)
- Basic numerical skills (otherwise you will not make it)
- Minimum 18 – 24 years of age
- Positive attitude, adequate (English) communication skills, a passion for gardening and a friendly personality

WHO SHOULD APPLY

- Those meeting the above admission requirements
- Unemployed Namibian Youth with "fire in their belly" and a deep desire to grab this opportunity and advance themselves in life
- Youth from socio economically disadvantaged backgrounds with emphasis on the Hardap region

Which documents must accompany my application?

1. Handwritten motivation letter (why you?) not exceeding one A4 page. Take a photo of the letter if need be if you submit by e-mail or make an online application
2. Detailed CV with head & shoulder photograph (current place of residence must be on CV)
3. Copy of ID/Passport or other official form of identification
4. Certified Copy of Educational Qualifications
5. A working and reachable mobile (phone) number where you can be contacted for an initial telephonic interview

Please note: Applications failing to submit 1-5 as per above (esp. with regards to handwritten letter of motivation, which can also be sent as photo or pdf) will not be considered.

Take Note: A once-off NAD 200 fee is payable upon admission. Decent hostel accommodation as well as food vouchers for the Wolwedans Canteen are available for all sponsored trainees. A tuck shop sells daily necessities.

For more information on Desert Academy go to:

www.wolwedansdesertacademy.org and look for 'Applications' for online application or download of Application Forms for manual completion. Due to Covid-19, online applications are encouraged.

Please submit your application (entailing 1-5 above, take a photo of your letter if need be) by e-mail to: foundation@wolwedans.org.

You can also deliver by hand to our office at:

No. 2 Mozart St, Corner Hosea Kutako St, Windhoek, or send by Nampost addressed to: Wolwedans Foundation | Desert Academy Recruitment | P.O. Box 5048 | Windhoek | Namibia

CLOSING DATE: Friday 14 May 2021

(no late applications will be considered)

Studying in a pristine natural environment off the beaten track at Wolwedans, and doing so in one of Namibia's most beautiful green houses, you can focus on what matters most – your education. Doing so without any survival worries and literally free of charge (incl. free board and lodging for 11 months) thanks to our partners ConTine is really a 'once-in-a-lifetime' opportunity and a special privilege. We look forward to receiving your application. Only serious candidates will be considered.