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"Opening the doors of learning, educational capacity and research possibilities in the area of the economics of social problems for all marginalised communities in Africa"

PROSPECTUS: DISTANCE (SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM) LEARNING PROGRAMMES

1. Introduction

The main campus of the Mthwakazi Academic College is located in Johannesburg, South Africa, and will serve as an open learning centre for students across Africa. With time other satellite campuses or centres will be located in Mafikeng, Pretoria, Durban and Cape Town. It is important to note that although the main campus is located in South Africa, it will also serve as a nerve centre for all the students located in the various rural hinterlands and cities of the African continent.

2. Mthwakazi Academic College: Short Term Courses (Learning Programmes)

It is important to note that the method of delivering all the listed courses within the framework of faculties below, in the short to medium term, will be through **ONLINE or (E-Education (electronic education mechanisms)**. The highlighted faculties below provide a list (which is not at all exhaustive) of a number of short learning courses (programmes) that will be offered by the Mthwakazi Academic College through the mechanism of **E-Learning (electronic education)**with effect from September 2016. The assessments for all these programmes will be through tests, examinations, assignments or practical tests in respect to each of the modules constituting the short courses/learning programmes. There will be a range of credits linked to attendance of courses /workshops by the students which shall not be less than forty (40) hours or less than twelve (12) credits based on South African Quality Assurance (SAQA) Unit Standards whether or not the time duration per course module/learning programme exceeds a minimum of forty (40) notional hours.

The credit structure per module shall be determined by the level of difficulty and challenge of each course or learning programme. Only those students who successfully complete a short course/learning programme that equals the attendance duration of forty (40) notional hours or more, or equal to 12 SAQA based Unit Standards credits shall be awarded a Certificate of Competence, in this case a Diploma in the area of study or specialisation.

3. Mthwakazi Academic College: Long Term (Learning Programmes) Courses

Just as with the case of short term courses above, the method of delivery will be by **ONLINE or E-Learning (Electronic Education)**. In addition, the list that is highlighted in terms of the different faculties below regarding the long term courses (learning programmes) is similarly not exhaustive. Assessments shall be designed to immensely contribute to quality improvement relative to the quest to meet and fulfil the needs of the market place, in order to deepen and expand the socio-economic development of society at large. In terms of which both students and facilitators/presenters are required to take personal responsibility regarding own high ethical norms, professional quality and standards in fulfilment of respective duties regarding all long terms courses (learning programmes). Continuous research, creativeness and innovation improvement shall be encouraged by the Mthwakazi Academic College and developed by means of providing ample training opportunities for both students and facilitators/presenters.

Consistency rather than standardisation shall at all times be promoted, paying attention to the concept of quality of presentations (delivery of education/lectures) by facilitators/presenters and measured by efficiencies and effectiveness for each programme deliverables to students/candidates in accordance to prescribed evaluation criteria. Satisfactory academic assessments shall be conducted in terms of written examinations, written assignments (course work) and examination in respect of each module constituting the long term learning programme/course.

Credits awarded shall be benchmarked against international academic standards and practice. Accreditation with established reputable universities shall constitute the significant benchmark for the diplomas, undergraduate degrees, and post graduate degrees right up to doctoral level (Ph.D.) awarded by the Mthwakazi Academic College, hence the importance of establishing partnerships. There will also be a range of credits awarded per each course module over a period not less than one (1) year for the award of a diploma and equally not less than three (3) years for an undergraduate degree, and further, not less than two (2) years for the award of a Master degree and not less than three (3) years for a Ph.D.

There shall be two options for the award of a Master's degree which will either take the form of written examinations and a mini-dissertation, or full dissertation with oral (viva voce) examination after submission. The doctorate in philosophy (PhD) will be assessed in terms of a full thesis that pays attention to four (4) key elements of research at that level:

background theory, focal theory, data theory and original contribution. Assessment shall therefore be in terms of an oral examination (viva voce).

Mthwakazi Academic College has the pleasure in presenting to all interested students the world class learning programmes, whose variety and diversity is structured within the following six faculties, namely: the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Commerce and Administration, the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty Science and Technology and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

QUALIFICATION	AREA OF STUDY / SPECIALISATION	COURSE CODE
DIPLOMAS		
Diploma in Agriculture Diploma in Computing and Information Technology Diploma in Nursing Studies Diploma in Water Resources and Systems Development (1 year)	**Agriculture** **Computing and Information Technology** **Health** **Human Biology** **Nursing Studies** **Water Resources and Systems Development**	MAC70CST MAC71CST MAC72CST MAC73CST MAC74CST MAC75CST MAC76CST MAC77CST
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS		
Postgraduate Diploma in Agriculture Postgraduate Diploma in Computing and Information Technology Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing Studies (1 year)	**Agriculture** **Computing and Information Technology** **Health** **Human Biology** **Nursing Studies** **Water Resources and Systems Development**	MAC78DST MAC79DST MAC80DST MAC81DST MAC82DST MAC83DST MAC84DST MAC85DST
HONOURS DEGREES		
Bachelor of Science Honours (3 years)	**Agriculture** **Computing and Information Technology** **Health** **Human Biology** **Nursing Studies** **Water Resources and Systems Development**	MAC86PGDST MAC87PGDST MAC88PGDST MAC89PGDST MAC90PGDST MAC91PGDST MAC92PGDST MAC93PGDST
MASTER'S DEGREE BY COURSE WORK AND MINI DISSERTATION		
Master of Science by Coursework and mini-dissertation (2 years)	**Agriculture** **Computing and Information Technology** **Health** **Human Biology** **Nursing Studies** **Water Resources and Systems Development**	MAC94MDCWMDST MAC95MDCWMDST MAC96MDCWMDST MAC97MDCWMDST MAC98MDCWMDST MAC99MDCWMDST MAC101MDCWMDST MAC102MDCWMDST

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MASTER'S DEGREE BY DISSERTATION		
Master of Science by research dissertation only	**Agriculture** **Computing and Information Technology** **Health** **Human Biology** **Nursing Studies** **Water Resources and Systems Development**	MAC103MDDST MAC104MDDST MAC105MDDST MAC106MDDST MAC107MDDST MAC108MDDST MAC109MDDST MAC110MDDST
DOCTORAL DEGREES		
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) by Thesis (Minimum period of 3 years)	**Agriculture** **Computing and Information Technology** **Health** **Human Biology** **Nursing Studies** **Water Resources and Systems Development**	MAC111DDST MAC112DDST MAC113DDST MAC114DDST MAC115DDST MAC116DDST MAC117DDST MAC118DDST

4. Applications

With the above listed diverse programmes contained within the six different faculties, it is hoped that with each student applying, the Mthwakazi Academic College will be assisted in making an original contribution to knowledge and academic excellence. In terms of which you are cordially invited to begin making and indeed submitting your applications paying particular attention to the above listed programmes as a guide.

Please kindly identify the programme that you are interested in when applying and note also, the Course Code for that programme when completing your application online. In turn the Mthwakazi Academic College will confirm receipt of your application by allocating and sending you an application number for ease of reference. We have no doubt that by joining this college you will be taking a decisive step towards embarking on a dynamic and exceptionally well research-driven academic career. It follows therefore that we are now well set to opening the doors of learning for everyone by February 2017, in terms of which you are forthwith invited to forward your application to the Mthwakazi Academic College without further delay. In turn, we look forward to welcoming you to the Mthwakazi Academic College by the beginning of February 2017.

Dr Churchill Mpiyesizwe Guduza
Chief Executive Officer