



## WHO ARE WE?

As a public Further Education and Training (FET) provider, **Elangeni College for FET** strives to be a self-reliant Further Education and Training College that provides meaningful education and training. This will equip you with the qualifications and skills to start out on a chosen career path.

With **Elangeni College**, support is given to Life Long Learning and students are taught by trained assessors and moderators who ensure quality delivery in an assortment of subject fields. The programmes offered are customised and responsive to the needs of learners and industry; the careers they encourage are essential for the economic upliftment of the South African economy. An FET vocational programme will equip you for a successful career in an industry that has great need for your practical skills, experience and knowledge.

Public FET Colleges play a catalytic role in the economic empowerment of people by providing relevant education and training; with eight campuses throughout the Durban region, **Elangeni College** provides integrated theoretical and practical experience to the community. Make the right choice now and get your future on track!

**Elangeni College provides education and training at the following eight campuses:**

- Inanda Campus
- KwaDabeka Campus
- KwaMashu Campus
- Mpumalanga Campus
- Ndwedwe Campus
- Ntuzuma Campus
- Pinetown Campus
- Qadi Campus

## ENROLMENT

Early registration is recommended and will be allowed from September, for the following academic year. Enrolment forms for admission must be accompanied by proof of payment of the non-fundable registration fee. Cash payments are not accepted. Please bring a certified copy of your ID and latest school report or certificate for enrolment purposes. More details, enrolment dates and relevant course fees may be obtained from the Campus.

## ACCOMMODATION

A ladies hostel is available at Pinetown Campus.

## EXAMINATION

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) sets examination papers for the DHET Examinations.

## CERTIFICATION

The DHET issues a relevant National Certificate or National 'N' Diploma after successful completion of National DHET programmes.

## COURSE FEES

Fees are payable strictly in advance, are subject to change and non-refundable. Cash payments are not accepted. When enrolling, you will be provided with banking details in order to deposit fees at any branch of First National Bank. Information about registration fees and deposits will be made available for the relevant registration period.

## WHAT IS A PUBLIC FET?

Public **Further Education and Training (FET)** colleges fall under the supervisory management of the DHET. They are not private or independent. This means that public FET Colleges receive a subsidy from the DHET and this enables them to offer programmes at substantially reduced fees. There are 50 public FET Colleges in the country and nine (9) in KwaZulu-Natal. Public FET Colleges strive to provide high-quality education and training to help you equip yourself with the qualifications and skills you need to start out on a chosen career path. You will gain invaluable life skills to meet the many challenges of the working world with more than just a qualification on paper.

Public FET Colleges also work closely with players and stakeholders from various industries to help fulfill the great need that exists for trained, skilled and qualified employees through customized education and training programmes.

**FET Colleges are able to offer the following qualifications:**



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**1. National Diplomas**

A National Diploma (M+3) Qualification is awarded to students who have completed their N4 – N6 in a specific field at an FET College, and are able to provide proof that the required relevant (18 months for Business Studies and 24 months for Engineering Studies) in-service training period has been completed. The full duration including completion of studies and in-service training is usually 3 years.

**2. National Certificate (Vocational)**

A new range of vocationally based programmes introduced at FET Colleges in 2007. The NCV programmes, currently available in 14 vocational fields substitute the former N1-N3 programmes offered by FET Colleges.

**3. Skills programmes**

Short duration practical skills based programmes.

**4. Co-operative training & support**

This is training for young people on the fundamentals of establishing and managing a youth cooperative business. A co-operative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

**5. Learnerships**

A training programme that combines theory at a college or training centre with relevant practice on-the-job. It is a legally binding agreement between an employer, a learner (typically an existing employee of the company) and a training provider.

**FET Colleges are accredited by the national Education Training Quality Assurance (ETQA) body UMALUSI. In addition, certain programmes are accredited by specific Sector Education and Training Authorities, e.g. THETA programmes.**

**A new Vocational study option at Public FET Colleges**

Public FET Colleges now offer a new, exciting, modern and relevant range of vocational programmes known as the National Certificate (Vocational). These vocational programmes are high skills, high quality and high knowledge programmes introduced at FET Colleges nationally in 2007 and are intended to directly respond to the priority skills demands of the modern economy.

**What is a National Certificate (Vocational)?**

From January 2007, the National Certificate (Vocational) replaced the NATED courses (N1 – N3) at public FET Colleges. The National Certificate (Vocational) is currently offered at levels 2, 3 and 4 of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). The National Certificate (Vocational) is currently available in 14 vocational fields and is designed to provide both the theory and practice. The practical component of study may be offered in a real workplace environment or in a simulated workplace environment. It provides students with an opportunity to experience work situations during the period of study. The qualification also provides an opportunity to enter higher education studies subject to appropriate subject combinations.

**What is the duration of this Qualification?**

The National Certificate qualification is a full year programme at each of the NQF levels of study. A student is issued with a certificate on successful completion of each level of study. Ideally students should complete all three levels and thereby complete the full level 4 qualification.

**Which subjects make up a National Certificate?**

In order to obtain a National Certificate (Vocational), a student is required to take a total of 7 subjects. These include the 3 fundamental subjects and 4 vocational subjects, of which 3 are compulsory and 1 is optional.

**Elangeni College offers the following National Certificate (Vocational) programmes:**

- Civil Engineering Construction
- Electrical Infrastructure Construction
- Engineering & Related Design
- Finance, Economics & Accounting
- Hospitality
- IT & Computer Science
- Office Administration
- Primary Agriculture
- Safety in Society
- Tourism



### **Why was the curriculum changed? How are these programmes different from the 'old' ones (N1 – N3)?**

The NATED (N1 – N3) programmes, while beneficial in some ways, did not really provide for the development of thinking and problem-solving skills and were limited in terms of the duration of the programme. They also did not have enough of an integrated approach (they did not cover enough of the full range of skills needed by anyone wanting to enter the job market today – focusing too exclusively on a specific skill). There was a separation of practical and theory and the life skills required for employment were not taken care of. Because of this these programmes were of a short duration, which made them popular, but as a result of this they did not provide sufficient practical skills required by the job market.

Research has shown that the learning of a practical skill on its own is not sufficient to meet the workplace challenges of the 21st century. The ability to think logically and problem solve is an important requirement of any job.

The new programme therefore are of a year-long duration (per level), allowing for **enough time** to provide for thorough practical and theoretical learning. In addition the programme helps students to develop the skills to become competent in analysis, reading, writing and logical thinking. This is done through the fundamental portion of the NCV programmes which each NCV student, in every field of study is required to complete. The Fundamental component includes Language (of instruction: i.e. English); Mathematics/Mathematical Literacy; and Life Orientation.

NCV also offers a strong practical focus with much more 'hands-on' training and even practical experience opportunities than was available through the former N1 – N3 Nated programmes – ensuring that a student who has completed an NCV programme is properly equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to enter the world of work successfully.

### **What does the NCV cost and is there any financial assistance available?**

NCV prices are available on request at your nearest public FET College. These fees are set on an annual basis and released accordingly. The Department of Higher Education and Training has established the Department of Higher Education and Training FET Colleges Bursary Scheme to assist deserving and motivated students who wish to enter NCV programmes, but face severe financial challenges. Funding of the Bursary Scheme comes directly from the National Department of Higher Education and Training and each FET College is allocated a certain amount for bursaries annually. Applications for bursaries can be made at your chosen public FET Colleges.

Applicants will be required to complete a Means Test (designed by the national **administrators** of the bursary fund – National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)) and candidates who qualify for a bursary will then be considered by the College's Bursary Committee within the confines of the available budget.

### **What about financial assistance for other programmes?**

Bursaries for Nated programmes can also be accessed through the above bursary scheme. These are programmes accredited and funded by the Department of Higher Education and Training and therefore supported accordingly.

### **Can you access Universities and Universities of Technology after completing an NCV?**

The minimum entry requirements to programmes at Higher Education (HE) institutions vary. It is important for the student to verify these requirements with the higher institution of choice. The Government Gazette of 32743 (26 November 2009) states the various requirements for articulation from FET to HE, as well as the recognised subjects and minimum pass percentages required. The National Department of Higher Education and Training is presently in discussions with Higher Education South Africa (HESA) and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) to further formalise this access.

### **What will the student be qualified to do after three years?**

Students will essentially have the following options:

- Access work opportunities in a work environment or a sector relevant to his/her vocational specialisation (e.g. bank/insurance company after doing the Finance, Economics and Accounting programme)
- Pursue further training opportunities
- Become self-employed

### **Who is NCV for?**

NCV programmes are for anyone wanting to obtain the necessary certificated skills to enter a specific career field. The NCV is a vocational or career-oriented programme, designed to increase employability of students who have completed their studies.

## **Why should I follow the NCV route when I already have a Grade 12/Matric? Isn't NCV Level 4 equivalent to Grade 12?**



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Yes, strictly speaking in terms of the National Qualifications Framework, NCV Level 4 is an NQF Level 4 qualification, and Matric/grade 12 is equivalent to NQF Level 4. However, NCV represents a career choice. It is not comparable to Matric/grade 12 because it is focused on helping you to develop marketable skills in your chosen vocational field. NCV should be seen as a qualification that helps a person to access a career in their desired field because of its strong focus on practical training that encompasses all skills that a person needs to succeed in the workplace of the 21st century – by making sure that they know what to expect in a real work environment. A person who has completed the NCV is therefore seen to be **more employable**.

### **Will all levels (NQF levels 2, 3 & 4) of exams be external?**

Yes, all of the final exams are set by the National Department of Higher Education and Training.

### **Who will provide the Certificates for each of the levels?**

The National Department of Education will issue statements of results.

### **Will colleges continue to offer short courses?**

Yes. Colleges will continue to do so in the interest of being responsive to community needs. However, these courses will not be funded by the National Department of Education. Specific industry-related programmes will also be developed on requests.

### **What is happening to the N4 – N6 programmes?**

The intention is for these courses to be phased out. However an equivalent qualification is currently being developed by the Department of Higher Education and Training and will be launched as soon as it is complete. Until this process is complete, N4-N6 programmes as well as N3 Engineering programmes will still be available at certain FET colleges.

### **How will artisans be catered for?**

The Department of Higher Education and the Training and Department of Labour have agreed that there will be three routes to artisanship. These are: Learnerships, the National Certificate (Vocational) and Workplace Artisan Training. All of these routes will be completed with the requisite trade test to obtain artisanship.

### **Will there be additional exams for students who fail programmes that are being phased out?**

Yes. There will be additional exams for learners to work themselves out of the system. These opportunities will be provided in the year following the phasing out of the specific level of the programme.

### **How did the National Department of Education arrive at the 14 priority programmes?**

The skills reports completed by the SETAs as well as by different research institutions were reviewed. The high demand skills that were identified were then clustered into the different sectors of economic activity identified by the AsgiSA. The NCV programmes are matched against these sectors, *vis*, Tourism, Finance, Electrical Infrastructure Construction and so on.

### **Do these programmes respond to the needs of industry?**

Yes. The various stakeholders were engaged at different stages of the curriculum writing process. These include: the SETAs, business, industry, professional bodies and related interest organisations. In addition, reference persons were used to review the relevance of the curriculum content.

### **How does the National Certificate (Vocational) link to SETA programmes?**

The NCV is not a unit standard-based qualification but the content for subjects has been designed using unit standards. For this reason, much of the content in the vocational subjects overlaps with outcomes in unit standards.

### **Will the SETAs recognize subjects/levels passed in the National Certificate (Vocational)?**

The SETAs will take a decision whether they will recognize subjects passed based on the learning outcomes contained in the corresponding Department of Higher Education and Training subject guidelines.

### **Where can I go to enter an NCV programme?**

The listed NCV programmes are available from all eight Elangeni College campuses. Contact Elangeni College on Tel: 031-7166700 for details on a campus near you or visit [www.efet.co.za](http://www.efet.co.za) for more information.