

AFDA in on the act with a Higher Certificate in Performing Arts for 2020

AFDA is delighted to announce the introduction of a Higher Certificate in Performing Arts on our Johannesburg, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth campuses.

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The Performing Arts is a growing medium that can fulfill purposes of entertainment and/or education. In the informal sector in particular, community theatre is becoming an increasingly relevant tool to engage with audiences and however must be achievable on minimal resources. This means that having dual skills as performing artist while also understanding all aspects of theatre-making, enable more opportunity to create theatre productions for a variety of audiences and exhibition platforms themselves. As technology continues to advance, it might be the only area where human beings stay relevant is within the creative industries.

The one-year Higher Certificate in Performing Arts is project-led, with a focus on learning through experience. Students are assessed on how they are able to analyse and apply the knowledge they have by performing a prescribed text, as well as running a theatre production including stage props, costumes, sound, lighting and production administration. This way of learning helps students translate their conceptual understanding into practical skills, as well as socialize their learning through collaboration with their team members. This includes learning Performing Arts techniques, practicum, arts management (hosting and technical management) as well as academic development.

As with all Higher Certificate programmes at AFDA, the Higher Certificate in Performing Arts is a one-year foundation course designed to offer students access into the first year of undergraduate degree studies at AFDA. In addition, it equips students with skills allowing them to work in the entertainment industry in assistant-type positions or simple performance roles.

Duration: 1 year full-time (contact learning)

SAQA ID: 111403

NQF Level: 5

Campuses: Johannesburg, Cape Town & Port Elizabeth

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