



Prospectus
2019-2020



Buhle adopts a multi-pronged approach to training, to give our graduates a head start and the optimal chance of success.

Our courses focus on best practices, imparting the knowledge, practical skills and business skills you will need to manage a successful and sustainable farming business.

At our academy, you will gain experience in working on and managing a production unit. You will also gain business skills, as the courses incorporate Farm Business Management, Business Plan Development and the other skills required to grow a successful farming business.

Buhle's students gain knowledge of all the principles of agricultural production. By the time you graduate, you will understand – depending, of course, on the course you selected – which crops to choose; how to maintain healthy produce; how to feed, care for and breed livestock, and all the other aspects of farming that are indispensable for a thriving enterprise.

If you are considering the business of farming, we are the right academy for you!

Admission Requirements

- Access to land for farming (with proof)
- Grade 9 school pass
- Ability to speak, read and write English
- Functional numeracy
- Ability to do physical farm work
- Commitment to farming
- Commitment to full-time course attendance
- Successful interview with our selection panel

Selection process

Our selection panel assesses all applications against the admission requirements. We invite candidates to an interview with the panel, which decides which applicants to accept.

Candidates are notified of the outcome immediately.

It is mandatory to bring the following documents to the interview:

- Your CV
- A certified copy of your ID
- A copy of your highest qualification
- Company registration documents

How to apply

The application form is attached to the centre of this prospectus. You can also enroll on www.buhle.org.za, or mail fikelephi@buhle.org.za to request a form.

To be considered:

- Complete all relevant sections of the application form.
- Pay a non-refundable fee of R120 per application.
- Post, email or fax the form to us, with a copy of your ID and proof of payment.
- Allow enough time so that your application reaches us at least two weeks before the course starts.

Buhle will acknowledge receipt of your application and set a date for your interview with the selection panel.

Registration

Successful applicants pay the course fee in full and are then registered. Our courses are highly subsidised, so no deferred payment is accepted. Information about course fees can be obtained from fikelephi@buhle.org.za or 087 803 0563.

Full-time skills programmes

Course name	Content	Dates	SAQA credits
Livestock Production	Provides an excellent grounding in livestock production. Includes modules on beef and dairy cattle, sheep and goat production, pig production, artificial insemination and farm business management.	Duration 2.5 months. 14 Jan – 22 March 2019 08 July – 13 Sept 2019	43 credits
Vegetable Production	Covers the expertise and skills required to set up a vegetable production business. Includes land preparation, planting, fertilisation, disease and pest control, irrigation, harvesting and marketing, for both open field and hydroponics production.	Duration 3.5 months. 11 Feb – 24 May 2019 05 Aug – 14 Nov 2019	49 credits
Poultry Production	Provides the necessary skills for setting up a poultry farming unit. Covers broiler and layer production, and includes housing, feeding, disease control, brooding, record-keeping, processing and marketing.	Duration 2 months. 25 March – 24 May 2019 16 Sept – 14 Nov 2019	39 credits
Crop Production	Imparts the knowledge and skills needed to establish a crop farming enterprise. Focuses mainly on field crops like maize. Includes farm mechanisation, tractor operation, planting, weed control, fertilisation, disease and pest control, harvesting, grading and marketing.	Duration 9 months. 7 Oct 2019 – 11 June 2020	52 credits

All the above-mentioned courses also cover farm business management and life skills courses. The **business module** includes market research, production planning, budgeting, cash flow management, business plans, administration and business leadership. The **life skills module** covers self-discipline, respect, communications, environmental awareness, attitude and presentation skills.

Graduations dates

Winter graduation: 13 June 2019

Summer graduation: 14 November 2019



Short courses

Course name	Content	Dates (5 days)
Tractor operation and maintenance	Covers all aspects of the use of farm machinery and implements, both manual and tractor-pulled. Includes tractor operations and maintenance.	08 - 12 April 2019
Farm Business Management	Covers principles of agricultural management, components of financial management and agricultural marketing.	13 - 17 May 2019
Project management	Covers the initiation, planning, execution and closing out phases, providing clarity on day-to-day management and project management differences.	27 - 31 May 2019
Hydroponics	Includes raising plants in tunnels, fertigation, disease and pest control, house environmental control and marketing vegetables.	24 - 28 June 2019
Farm Financial Management	Covers financial planning, budgeting, business financing, risk management and accounting systems	14 - 18 Oct 2019

Other short courses can be presented on request and tailor-made to meet the farmers' needs.

Contact us to find out more:

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