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

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<td><strong>Livestock Production</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Duration 2.5 months.</td>
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<td><strong>Vegetable Production</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Duration 3.5 months.</td>
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<td><strong>Poultry Production</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Duration 2 months.</td>
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| **Crop Production**     | **Module 1:** Crop Farm Planning & Land Preparation  
**Module 2:** Crop Establishment & Management  
**Module 3:** Financial Management & Business Plan Development  
**Module 4:** Harvesting & Crop Evaluation | 5 Aug – 23 Aug 2019                  | 32 credits   |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 21 Oct – 8 Nov 2019                  | 8 credits    |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3 Feb – 21 Feb 2020                  | 6 credits    |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4 May – 22 May 2020                  | 10 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

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<td>Tractor operation and maintenance</td>
<td>Covers all aspects of the use of farm machinery and implements, both manual and tractor-pulled. Includes tractor operations and maintenance.</td>
<td>08 - 12 April 2019</td>
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<td>Farm Business Management</td>
<td>Covers principles of agricultural management, components of financial management and agricultural marketing.</td>
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<td>Project management</td>
<td>Covers the initiation, planning, execution and closing out phases, providing clarity on day-to-day management and project management differences.</td>
<td>27 - 31 May 2019</td>
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<td>Hydroponics</td>
<td>Includes raising plants in tunnels, fertigation, disease and pest control, house environmental control and marketing vegetables.</td>
<td>24 - 28 June 2019</td>
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<td>Farm Financial Management</td>
<td>Covers financial planning, budgeting, business financing, risk management and accounting systems</td>
<td>14 - 18 Oct 2019</td>
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Other short courses can be presented on request and tailor-made to meet the farmers' needs.

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