



Buhle Farmers' Academy
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1. Where can I find out more?

Please read our 2024 prospectus at: <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA> - this gives course descriptions, dates, key steps in the application process and more.

If you have further questions, send a WhatsApp message to our applications desk on 063 287 2732 and / or email applications@buhle.org.za.

For ongoing updates, follow us on Twitter handle @BuhleFarmersA, Facebook on @BuhleFarmersAcademy and buhlefarmersacademy on Instagram.

All the best until we see you at Buhle!

Note to applicants in late 2023:

Please see the short course brochure on our social media feeds for all short courses on offer for the rest of this year, and read our 2023 prospectus at bit.ly/3JEkRpf for course descriptions, dates and the key steps in the application process. If you have further questions, please message the admissions desk on WhatsApp number 063 287 2732 and / or email applications@buhle.org.za.

2. What can Buhle offer me?

Buhle Farmers' Academy is a non-profit organisation that offers farmer training and farmer-support services to new farmers from across southern Africa. Find out more on www.buhle.org.za. For course dates, descriptions and information about our application and admissions processes, read our latest prospectus at <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA>.

3. What dates are your courses on?

Please see the prospectus on <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA> for all course dates and descriptions and more.

4. Where are you located?

Our training academy is in Delmas, Mpumalanga. Students come from across the country to train at Buhle and we offer meals and accommodation, included in the course fee. Please send a WhatsApp message to 063 287 2732 with further queries.

5. Can you give directions?

Please find directions on Google Map <https://bit.ly/3tA4R2s> or send a WhatsApp message to the applications desk on 063 287 2732.

6. Can I apply now for a course in 2024?

Yes, you can apply for any of the courses in our prospectus – see <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA>. Please send a WhatsApp message to 063 287 2732 or email applications@buhle.org.za with further queries.

7. Is anyone available to chat?

You can ask questions on our social media forums and we shall respond as soon as possible. However, it is best to contact the applications desk directly. Please send a WhatsApp message to 063 287 2732 or email applications@buhle.org.za. All the best meanwhile.

8. Do I need to prove I have access to land?

We would love to help you build your farming business.

For short courses, you do not need to prove access to land. For long courses, you do. This may be land you own, lease, or even a family / relative's back yard. You will need to prove this through a title deed, lease agreement or letter from the owner of the land or the local authority that owns it.

For the long courses you are required to have access to land so that you can put your skills to use when you finish your course. It does not have to be a big piece of land - a small allotment or patch is sufficient. The hope is that you will be able to build on your skills and acquire more land to expand in the future. In order to register with us you would need proof of access to land - a rental agreement or letter from the owner.

9. What are your admission requirements?

Find out about our requirements for admission to our long courses in our prospectus at <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA>. Please note that for short courses, only a Grade 9 pass and functional grasp of English, our medium of instruction, are required.

For long courses, students must prove access to land and have a Grade 9 school pass, the ability to speak, read and write English, functional numeracy, the ability to do farm work, a commitment to farming, and a commitment to full-time attendance. Find out more in our prospectus on <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA>.

10. How can I apply?

Please apply using the following link: learn.buhle.org.za. For more information about all our courses, dates, key steps in the application process and more in our prospectus at <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA>.

11. What is the application process?

Please read our prospectus to help you choose a course and for more information about the application process: <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA>.

Applicants should enroll, completing all sections of the application form, pay a non-refundable fee of R150, and submit the form with a copy of your ID and proof of payment.

Please send a WhatsApp message to 063 287 2732 or email applications@buhle.org.za with further queries.

12. What is the process for acceptance?

Applicants should enrol, completing all sections of the application form, pay a non-refundable fee of R150, and submit the form with a copy of your ID and proof of payment. Select students will be invited to a panel interview.

Please enroll on learn.buhle.org.za.

13. Are you still accepting new applications?

In general, we are accepting applications for all courses still to come, although the most popular courses may fill up in advance. Please send a WhatsApp message to 063 287 2732 with further queries.

14. Do you have a job for me?

We seldom have jobs available. When we do, they are advertised on social media. However, if you want to grow your own sustainable and profitable farming business, we

can help you. Please read about our courses, how to enroll and more, on <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA>. Please send a WhatsApp message to us on 063 287 2732 or email applications@buhle.org.za with further queries.

15. How much does this cost?

Short courses in 2024 are R1850 and long courses range from R3950 to R6120, plus a R150 application fee. All costs include meals and accommodation. Please select a course from the 2024 Prospectus at <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA> and message the admissions team on WhatsApp number 063 287 2732 or email applications@buhle.org.za for further information.

16. What are the various fees in 2024?

All fees include meals and accommodation for the duration of the course. There is a R150 application fee.

Short courses are R1850

Long courses range from R3950 to R6120.

Grain crop production in R6120

Vegetable Production is R4660

Livestock Production is R4540

Poultry Production is R3950

Other short courses per day cost R250.

17. Do you have any online courses?

Our only online course is Financial Management for farmers – find out more on learn.buhle.org.za – as our courses are highly practical, and students implement the theory they learn on our working farm. Please send a WhatsApp message to the applications desk on 063 287 2732 or email applications@buhle.org.za with further queries.

18. Which long courses do you offer?

Livestock Production – twice a year

Basic Vegetable Production – twice a year

Poultry Production – twice a year

Grain Crop Production – 4 modules; Module One starts in August

Find out more in our prospectus on <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA>

19. Which short courses do you offer?

All the short courses below run twice per year. Find out more in our prospectus on <https://bit.ly/49xwwBA>

Introduction to Layer Management

Hatchery House Management

Introduction to Piggery Management

Small Stock Production, which includes goat and sheep

Tractor Driving and Maintenance

Introduction to Basic Vegetable Course

Introduction to Broiler Production

Seedling Production Course

Hydroponic Course

20. How do you keep your fees so affordable?

Our work is sponsored by our corporate partners who, together, pay up to 95% of our farmer training and support costs. The aim is to keep our services affordable for as many aspiring farmers as possible.

21. Do you cater for disabled students?

Yes, our facilities and farming methods cater for those who are disabled. Please send a WhatsApp message to our applications desk on 063 287 2732 with further queries.

22. Do you offer learnerships or in-service training?

We very occasionally offer learnerships or in-service training. Please follow our social media platforms for announcements about these opportunities. In the meantime, you are welcome to send your CV to careers@buhle.org.za. Please use the subject line learnerships or in-service training in your email.

We offer internships / learnerships only very occasionally, but fee free to send your CV to careers@buhle.org.za using the subject line "learnership". Please keep an eye on our social media posts for any announcements.

For information about internships please email careers@buhle.org.za.

23. Do you have seedlings or other produce for sale?

Yes, we frequently have vegetables, seedlings, eggs and other produce for sale from the working farm at our campus. Please mail us on sales@buhle.org.za to place your order for more information.

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