

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE:

CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

NQF 6, 120 credits. 1 Year Qualification.

The Advanced Certificate in Conservation Agriculture is a vocational qualification that develops the knowledge and skill to specialize in conservation farming methodology for crop farming. The programme is aimed at farmers, farm supervisors and farm managers that operates in agricultural enterprises where conservation methods of farming is applied or intended to be phased in.

Graduates from the AdvCert (Conservation Agriculture) will be able to:

- Explain the principles of conservation agriculture as opposed to conventional farming and the impact both has on the sustainability of agricultural production.
- Apply the principles of conservation agriculture to improve soil health in a farming context.
- Monitor the agricultural ecosystem and identify threats to the biodiversity of the system.
- Prepare for and implement conservation agriculture practice in a farming enterprise.
- Apply an innovative approach to problem-solving and decision making in the context of conservation agriculture.
- Explain the economy of conservation practice in a farming enterprise, both from a cost and income perspective.
- Develop a business plan for a profitable conservation agriculture farming enterprise

Start date: 15 February 2027 / Registrations closes: 25 January 2027

- PRESENTED OVER 12 MONTHS FULL TIME THROUGH BLENDED LEARNING
- REQUIRES A RELEVANT HIGHER CERTIFICATE, NQF5
- WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING

Note the following:

Work-integrated learning (WIL) forms 24 credits in the AdvCert (Conservation Agriculture). Students complete workplace-based learning where they are placed in a conservation agriculture farm production unit for 6 weeks, in the second semester of the programme. During placement, students work under supervision of an experienced WIL host.