

# OWEN SITOLE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

## AGRICULTURAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



### SKILLS PROGRAM

#### ACREDITED SHORT COURSES

Plant Production NQF Level 1 – 5

Animal Production NQF Level 1 - 5

Mixed Farming NQF Level 1 - 5

#### AIM OF COURSES

To equip participants with practical knowledge, technical skills, and innovative approaches in modern agriculture, enabling them to improve productivity, sustainability, and resilience in farming practices while fostering rural development and food security.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

**Grade:** 7

**Duration:** 1 to 6 weeks

**Attendance:** 10 to 30 members

## NON-CREDIT BEARING COURSES

A non-credit bearing course is a type of educational or training program that does not award formal academic credits toward a qualification. Instead, these courses are usually designed for skills development, professional growth, or personal enrichment.

ANIMAL PRODUCTION	PLANT PRODUCTION	OTHER
Ruminants	Vegetable Production	Business skills
Non-Ruminants	Crop Production	Value adding
	Nursery Management	Food processing
	Hydroponics	

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Anyone willing or passionate about agriculture.
- **Duration:** 1 week
- Courses offered on site (other venues may be considered, but must have a practical site to meet course expectations)

## LEARNERSHIP PROGRAMS

A learnership program is a structured work-based learning initiative that combines both theoretical education and practical workplace training. It is designed to help students gain real-world experience while working toward a qualification that is formally registered on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

PROGRAM	NQF LEVEL	DURATION (MONTHS)
Animal Production	1, 2, 3, and 4.	12
Plant Production	1, 2, 3, and 4.	12

## QUALITY COUNCIL OF TRADES AND OCCUPATION (QCTO)



### The College (QCTO) accredited qualifications:

QUALIFICATION	NQF	DURATION (MONTHS)	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Crop produce analyst	5	6	-Must be 18 years or older. -NQF Level 4 with Mathematical Literacy.
Poultry Farmer	5	6 - 12	-NQF Level 3 or equivalent in agriculture or related fields. -Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is often accepted for those with practical experience in poultry farming.
Pest management Officer	5	6 - 12	-NQF Level 3 qualification or equivalent, -Practical experience in pest control can be recognized through RPL.
Landscape gardener (Landscape supervisor)	3	12	-Basic Literacy and Numeracy. -Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
Nursery person (Garden Centre supervisor)	3	6 - 12	-NQF Level 2 qualification in horticulture or related fields. -Relevant work experience through RPL.
Garden worker	2	3 - 6	-Basic literacy and numeracy skills (ABET / RPL). -This is an entry-level qualification, so no prior experience is required.