



UIGC NEWS



UCE going global with e-learning pilot roll-out

UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) is on the brink of piloting the roll-out of its online learning platform scheduled for mid-October. By boasting a UCE Going Global tagline, the platform is expected to be fully operational in the first months of 2025.

UCE remains committed to delivering top-tier training programmes across various industries. To expand its reach and enhance the learning experience, UCE is embarking upon a journey of developing an online platform to offer training courses in digital format.

The platform is perceived to be meeting the needs of professionals seeking convenient, accessible and high-quality training solutions for

upskilling and, in addition, self-empowerment purposes. UCE currently provides courses through traditional methods, which limits the ability to reach a broader audience and achieve revenue growth. Shifting to an online platform while maintaining its traditional course offering, will enable UCE to expand its reach to a global audience.

The primary objectives of the online platform are to expand accessibility by reaching a wider audience by providing online access to existing training programmes, enhancing the learning experience by utilising digital tools and resources to improve engagement and retention, simplifying course management, enrolment and tracking

processes and providing flexibility to learners to study at their own pace and according to their own schedule.

UCE's Executive Director, Dr Thakhani Takalani, expressed great excitement over the new path of technological advancement that was being adopted. He emphasised the fact that UCE, which is linked

to an age-old institution of higher learning, was keeping with the times and aligning with the precepts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution with the expansion of its current service offering.

Read more about UCE's offering on pages 3 - 5



UCE Executive Director, Dr Thakhani Takalani.

UIGC CONNECT UPGRADES ENSURE RELIABLE WI-FI, CONNECTIVITY

UIGC Connect is committed towards providing a global connection at the touch of a button.

With its infrastructure having been upgraded three months ago, impro-

ved connectivity has been recorded.

UIGC Connect embraces technological advancement to connect its clients with the world through a service offering that

includes wi-fi to student residences and fibre-to-home around Thohoyandou.

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UIGC Security committed to keeping UNIVEN safe 24/7

With some 20 000 individuals daily making their way about the UNIVEN campus and student residences off campus, the responsibility of safeguarding lives and infrastructure is a mammoth task attributed to the 200 guards in the employ of UIGC Security.

This task rests upon UIGC Security Manager, Avhafuni Maberegisi, who attests to running a tight ship where crime prevention, guarding services, surveillance and rapid response are concerned.



Mr Avhafuni Maberegisi.

With 24/7 services being rendered, UIGC's security component sustains relations with a host of stakeholders, including the Police and the campus ambulance services to ensure rapid response during emergencies and events requiring crowd control.

The hosting of on-campus bashes without prior notification remains one of their biggest challenges, according to Mr Maberegisi.

During a recent meeting with employees of UIGC Security, UNIVEN's Vice-Chancellor, Prof Bernard Nthambeleni stressed the importance of their duties and encouraged them to take responsibilities seriously.

Recognising the vital role played by the security team in ensuring the safety and smooth operation of the campus, he emphasised the

need for heightened vigilance and professionalism in their work.

The Vice-Chancellor further highlighted the critical importance of the security guards in maintaining a secure environment for students, staff and visitors. He acknowledged the challenging nature of their job and expressed appreciation for their dedication and hard work.

Prof Nthambeleni took the opportunity to remind the guards that their role was not just about enforcing rules but also about being the first line of defence in safeguarding the institution.

He simultaneously urged the security personnel to remain committed to their duties, emphasising that their efforts were crucial to the overall success and the reputation of the institution.

He assured his audience of

the support of the administration and encouraged them to continue working with integrity and diligence.

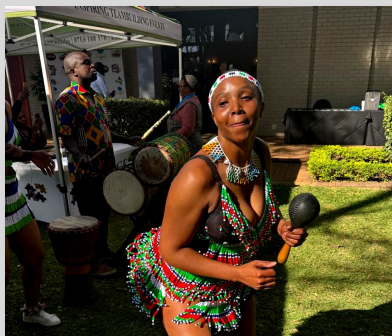
In conclusion, the Vice-Chancellor reflected on the University's commitment to fostering a secure and supportive environment for all its members and recognising that the contributions of the security team were indispensable to achieving the goal and the objectives.



Professor Bernard Nthambeleni.

U.Travel engages with stakeholders during workshop

UIGC's travel component, U.Travel, was represented during a mid-August workshop of Travel Marketing Experts (TME) in Mokopane, where stakeholders in the tourism industry converged for a day of networking, building and fostering relations.



UIGC Board Chairperson acts in CEO's position after resignation

The Chairperson of the UIGC Board, Thovhele Mmbangiseni Masia, has temporarily taken the company reins following the resignation of the CEO, Dr John Mudau.

Other than overseeing day-to-day operations, Thovhele Masia is further responsible for

addressing weaknesses, including remodeling or exiting non-profitable entities, and fortifying entities with a great potential.

while, while seeking a permanent solution," Thovhele Masia indicated.

450 learners attend induction sessions ahead of exciting training initiatives

Univen Continuing Education (UCE) hosted an induction session for learners enrolling for two training initiatives, a learnership programme in Commercial Cleaning and a skills programme in New Venture Creation, on the UNIVEN campus on Monday.

The launch of the programmes marks another milestone in UCE's continued efforts towards community upliftment through education and skills development.

The induction sessions were well attended by more than 240 learners enrolling in the Commercial Cleaning programme and close to 200 learners in New Venture Creation.

The event was attended by representatives of Services SETA, the primary funder of both the learnership and skills programmes. Delight Training Academy, the appointed training provider, will be guiding the learners throughout their journey.

The Commercial Cleaning learnership programme is set to run for eight months and the New Venture Creation programme for three months. Both programmes will officially commence on 1 October 2024.

The comprehensive training aims to empower participants with valuable skills, preparing them for future employment opportunities and entrepreneurship.

During the induction, students were reminded of their vital role in ensuring the success of the programmes, with clear guidelines on professional conduct and expectations shared.



UCE, Makhado Municipality launch new Gardening & Horticulture learnership programme

A new 12-month learnership programme in Gardening and Horticulture recently launched by UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) in partnership with Makhado Municipality, marks a significant step forward in community development and skills training.

The induction meeting saw an enthusiastic group of 80

young learners expressing their eagerness to embark on a journey of growth and opportunity.

The programme, funded by the Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA), is being delivered by UCE as service training provider.

Makhado Local Municipality, the beneficiary of this initiative, drew learners

from varying regions that include Waterval, Soutpansberg, Luvuvhu and Dzanani.

The collaboration aims to empower local youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance their employability and foster economic growth within their respective communities.

During the session learners were introduced to the

objectives, curriculum and expectations.

Representatives of Makhado Local Municipality, UCE and LGSETA provided insight into the structure of the programme, emphasising the importance of commitment and active participation. They highlighted support mechanisms available to ensure the best possible learning experience.



UCE committed to youth empowerment with NYDA exhibition participation

UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) recently participated in a youth-focused exhibition of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) that was aimed at empowering young people with education and employment opportunities.

The event at Thohoyandou Town Hall attracted an estimated 500 enthusiastic young attendees from across Vhembe District.

The exhibition was a collaborative platform that featured key stakeholders such as the Department of Correctional Services and SA Youth, which each showcased their unique resources and services to benefit the youth.

The hall was abuzz with energy as young people

showed their eager to learn about the wide range of available opportunities displayed at the various exhibitions.

At the UCE stand UIGC's Marketing, Branding and Communications Unit engaged with attendees and shared valuable information about its varied skills development programmes as well as continuing education courses and learnerships designed to help young people enhance their qualifications and about employment prospects.

With UCE being a critical player in local development, its participation was pivotal in guiding young people towards different career fields. Attendees expressed particular interest in the practical and hands-on nature of UCE's pro-

grammes, which are designed to equip learners with skills that meet demands of the economy.

The Department of Correctional Services provided insight into rehabilitation programmes and career opportunities within the correctional system, while SA Youth offered guidance on job placements, internships, and work-readiness programmes. NYDA showcased its array of services that included youth entrepreneurship grants, career guidance, as well as its skills training programmes.

"This exhibition is a testimony to the importance of partnerships in addressing youth unemployment and skill shortages," said a NYDA representative. "By working together, we are ensuring

that young people in this region are equipped with the knowledge and opportunities they need to build successful futures."

The day was a resounding success, with many young people leaving the event motivated to take the next steps towards their personal and professional development.

UCE's presence highlighted its ongoing commitment to uplifting communities through education, while NYDA's initiative proved that youth empowerment is a collective effort that requires collaboration across sectors.

As the day drew to a close, attendees departed with the message that with the right support and access to resources, their future looks brighter than ever.

A good story to share

Amid the action during the recent exhibition of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) in Thohoyandou, Ms Tinstwalo Maluleka (right) warmed our hearts when boasting certificates of participation in a youth entrepreneurship masterclass of UCE, UNIVEN & NYDA a fortnight prior.



UCE course content designed around empowerment & upskilling

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Fees R35 000	NQF Level 4	Credits 24	Duration 3 months
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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Learners entering this skills programme will find into all occupations in the renewable energy industry, such as Solar Photovoltaic Service Technician, Solar Water Heater Installer, Wind Turbine Service Technician or Electrician positions.

Skills rationale

As the demand for renewable energy continues to increase, the industry is looking to recruit high-calibre candidates to employ.

The purpose of this skills programme is to prepare a learner to operate as a Renewable Energy Workshop Assistant. No similar skills programme in renewable energy and/or related occupations yet approved or listed by the QCTO is yet. A Renewable Energy Workshop Assistant will be able to identify, select, use, care for hand and power tools within a renewable energy environment.

Qualifying participants will learn the functioning and operating requirements for hand and power tools, to monitor quality continuously, including health, safety and environmental requirements.

The benefits to the sector is to address inequalities and grow the economy, by enabling community re-skilling and upskilling of individuals and society by providing employable skills.

The course is aimed at both employed and unemployed South Africans, including those previously employed in low-skilled occupations.

A consortium of sector organisations, including Green Cape, Centre for Renewable and Sustainable Energy Studies and South African Wind Energy Association, conducted and supported earlier studies by identifying the need for training in the renewable energy sector in South Africa.



Course duration 3 weeks	Course costs R9 000 (in-house) R 14 500 (on-site)
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COURSE OUTLINE

Fibre Optics Technician

To splice fibre and test it to see that the network is in a working condition.

- Health & safety
- Splicing
- Preparation of fibre
- Crimp: ADSS/lanelling modules/installing ducting
- Lighting
- ODTK
- Power meter
- PON meter
- Blows fibre blowing
- Fibre to the home



Duration 12 months	Registration fee R5 000	Course costs R20 000 in 4 parts	Attendance Block sessions
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Course outline

The course is aimed at preparing attendees to operate as Early Childhood Development Facilitators in centre-based and non-centre-based early childhood development settings, with the growing demand for quality early childhood development services, obtaining this qualification will provide opportunities for attendees to enter this field.

Studying this course may be a good option if:

- wanting to pursue a career as a play school teacher, day care centre administrator or day care centre manager
- wanting to establish an ECD centre.

Upon completion of this course, attendees should be able to:

- Plan and prepare a broad-phase learning environment and stimulating activities that meet the holistic needs of all children in centre-based or non-centre-based settings.
- Facilitate and mediate all aspects of the daily programme in a centre-based or non-centre-based setting.

Observe, assess and record each child's progress.

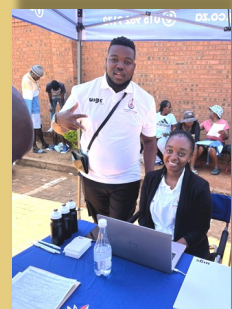
Complete a report on each child's progress.

Maintain and promote the well-being, health, nutrition, safety and protection of children.

Accreditation status:
NQF Level 4 - accredited by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)
SAGS ID: 97423 131 Credits

Marketing & Communications Unit promotes stakeholder engagement

Of all the departments within the UIGC portfolio, the Marketing, Branding and Communications Unit members believe they have most fun representing the portfolio. Bianca Khanyi and Vhutshilo Nmutandani were photographed during the recent engagement that marked UCE and UIGC's participation in the NYDA event.



Passion for work, commitment to Garcle service delivery

With a big bright smile she welcomes visitors to the UIGC head office on the campus of the University of Venda (UNIVEN) on an early September morning.

During a chance meeting Ms Itumeleng Mashilo, who has been in the employ of UIGC's Gardening and Cleaning Services (Garcle) since 2017, declared that she thoroughly enjoyed her work.

Her evident commitment serves as reminder that all the cogs in the wheel are crucial for jointly achieving objectives through sustained team work.

