



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Recover Human Skeletal Remains For Analysis Training

Human and Social Studies / Traditions, History and Legacies

Unit Standard 119865 · NQF Level 4 · 6 Credits · 3 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the knowledge and practical skills to recover human skeletal remains from forensic and archaeological contexts in a manner that preserves their integrity for subsequent analysis. It covers legal, ethical, and procedural frameworks for excavation, documentation, and handling of skeletal material, ensuring compliance with South African heritage and forensic standards.

Category	Human and Social Studies
Subfield	Traditions, History and Legacies
Unit Standard	119865
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 6 Credits
Duration	3 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply appropriate excavation techniques to recover human skeletal remains from various contexts.
- Document the recovery process accurately, including spatial relationships and contextual evidence.
- Implement proper handling and packaging procedures to preserve skeletal remains for analysis.
- Evaluate the legal and ethical considerations relevant to the recovery of human remains in South Africa.
- Demonstrate the ability to work within a multidisciplinary team during field recovery operations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for forensic pathologists, archaeologists, crime scene investigators, mortuary technicians, and law enforcement personnel involved in the recovery and analysis of human skeletal remains.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Forensic Taphonomy and Scene Management

- Overview of forensic anthropology and taphonomy.
- Decomposition stages and environmental influences.
- Legal framework: SA legislation, permits, and chain of custody.
- Scene safety, PPE, and contamination control.
- Mapping, photography, and note-taking techniques.
- Establishing search grids and surface recovery protocols.

Day 2: Excavation and Recovery Techniques

- Tools and equipment for excavation.
- Stratigraphic excavation and feature recognition.
- Exposing and mapping in situ remains.
- Lifting, stabilizing, and packaging bones.
- Recovery of commingled or fragmented remains.
- Collection of soil, insect, and botanical evidence.
- Field documentation forms and reporting.

Day 3: Post-Recovery Analysis and Integration

- Cleaning and preliminary osteological analysis.
- Estimating number of individuals and minimum number of elements.
- Trauma and pathology indicators in the field.
- Linking scene evidence to lab findings.
- Writing recovery reports and expert testimony basics.
- Case studies and practical scenarios.
- Final assessment and course wrap-up.

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **6 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 17,900.00	R 17,900.00
1	In-House	R 23,300.00	R 23,300.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 26,800.00	R 26,800.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 119865) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call **+27 12 004 8389** or WhatsApp **+27 65 077 6310** and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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