



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Research A Southern African Archaeological Site From Published And Unpublished Material Training

Human and Social Studies / Traditions, History and Legacies

Unit Standard 119870 · NQF Level 4 · 6 Credits · 3 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the skills to conduct systematic research on a Southern African archaeological site using both published and unpublished material. It focuses on sourcing, evaluating, and synthesizing diverse data to produce a coherent research report that contributes to the understanding of the region's heritage.

Category	Human and Social Studies
Subfield	Traditions, History and Legacies
Unit Standard	119870
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

- Identify and locate relevant published and unpublished sources for a specific Southern African archaeological site.
- Evaluate the credibility, relevance, and limitations of different source types for archaeological research.
- Synthesize data from multiple sources to construct a comprehensive site chronology and interpretation.
- Apply ethical guidelines and legal frameworks governing archaeological research in South Africa.
- Produce a structured research report that integrates findings from diverse materials.
- Demonstrate critical analysis of conflicting or incomplete evidence in archaeological contexts.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for heritage professionals, archaeologists, museum curators, and postgraduate students in archaeology or heritage studies who need to conduct research using archival and published sources.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Southern African Archaeology and Site Research

- Overview of Southern African prehistory and major archaeological sites.
- Types of sources: academic journals, monographs, grey literature, site reports.
- Introduction to SAHRA and heritage legislation.
- Ethical considerations in archaeological research.
- Techniques for locating and accessing published and unpublished material.
- Basic source evaluation: authority, currency, relevance.
- Referencing styles and bibliography management.
- Case study: The Cradle of Humankind.

Day 2: Analysing and Synthesising Archaeological Data

- Reading and interpreting site reports: stratigraphy, features, artefacts.
- Chronological frameworks: radiocarbon dating, seriation, OSL.
- Typological analysis of stone tools, pottery, and other artefacts.
- Integrating multiple lines of evidence: palaeoenvironmental, faunal, botanical.
- Identifying research biases and data gaps.
- Synthesis techniques: tables, timelines, GIS layering.
- Practical exercise: Synthesising data from two different site reports.
- Group discussion: Challenges in grey literature.

Day 3: Compiling a Research Report and Practical Application

- Report structure: abstract, introduction, methodology, results, discussion, conclusions.
- Writing clearly and concisely for different audiences.
- Visual presentation: maps, photographs, diagrams, tables.
- Referencing and avoiding plagiarism.
- Applying research to heritage management: site conservation, interpretation.
- Public outreach: writing for non-specialists.
- Practical exercise: Draft a mini-report on a selected site.
- Peer review and feedback session.

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	Pretoria, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Harare, Zimbabwe
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, 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 119870) 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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