



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Holistic Care and Support at Scene of Death

Health Sciences and Social Services / Preventive Health

Unit Standard 254219 · NQF Level 3 · 5 Credits · 2 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the knowledge and skills to provide holistic care and support to patients, families, and significant others at a scene of death. It focuses on maintaining dignity, empathy, and professionalism while coordinating with relevant authorities and managing the emotional impact of the situation.

Category	Health Sciences and Social Services
Subfield	Preventive Health
Unit Standard	254219
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 3 · 5 Credits
Duration	2 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate an understanding of the emotional and psychological needs of patients, families, and significant others at a scene of death.
- Apply principles of holistic care to support individuals experiencing grief and trauma.
- Communicate effectively with bereaved individuals, showing empathy and respect for cultural and religious practices.
- Coordinate with relevant authorities (e.g., police, forensic teams) to ensure a dignified and respectful process.
- Evaluate personal emotional responses and implement self-care strategies to manage stress after attending a death scene.
- Implement procedures for handling deceased persons with dignity and in accordance with legal requirements.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for emergency medical personnel, first responders, police officers, social workers, and healthcare professionals who may encounter death scenes in their line of duty.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundational Concepts of Holistic Care at Scene of Death

- Introduction to holistic care and support at scene of death
- Legal framework: inquests, death notification, and scene preservation
- Ethical considerations: confidentiality, consent, and dignity
- Psychological first aid for bereaved families and bystanders
- Cultural and religious considerations in death care
- Communication skills: breaking bad news and active listening
- Self-care for responders: managing stress and vicarious trauma
- Overview of support services and referral pathways

Day 2: Practical Application and Integration

- Scene assessment and safety protocols
- Coordinating with emergency services and statutory bodies
- Supporting families: practical assistance and emotional support
- Documentation and reporting requirements
- Debriefing and critical incident stress management
- Cultural competence in death rituals and practices
- Case studies: complex scenarios (e.g., sudden infant death, suicide, murder)
- Developing a personal self-care plan

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 **5 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 3**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 15,400.00	R 15,400.00
1	In-House	R 20,000.00	R 20,000.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 23,100.00	R 23,100.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

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

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 254219) 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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