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COURSE BROCHURE

Heritage Resource Preservation Monitoring

Culture and Arts / Cultural Studies

Unit Standard 255676 · NQF Level 5 · 15 Credits · 12 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the skills to monitor and evaluate the preservation of heritage resources in accordance with South African heritage legislation and best practices. Participants will learn to assess preservation conditions, identify risks, and implement corrective actions to ensure the long-term conservation of cultural heritage.

Category	Culture and Arts
Subfield	Cultural Studies
Unit Standard	255676
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 15 Credits
Duration	12 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply relevant heritage legislation and policies to monitor heritage resource preservation.
- Analyze the condition of heritage resources using appropriate assessment tools and techniques.
- Evaluate threats and risks to heritage resources and prioritize mitigation actions.
- Design monitoring schedules and documentation systems for heritage preservation.
- Implement corrective measures to address identified preservation deficiencies.
- Demonstrate effective communication and reporting on heritage resource status to stakeholders.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Heritage site managers, conservation officers, museum curators, and heritage practitioners responsible for the ongoing monitoring and preservation of heritage resources.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Heritage Resources and Preservation Monitoring

- Definition and types of heritage resources (cultural, natural, tangible, intangible).
- Overview of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999).
- Role of SAHRA and provincial heritage authorities.
- Basic principles of preservation monitoring.
- Ethical considerations in heritage management.
- Case studies of successful preservation monitoring.

Day 2: Heritage Resource Assessment and Documentation

- Heritage resource assessment methodologies.
- Site documentation techniques (photography, sketches, GPS).
- Grading of heritage resources (Grade I, II, III).
- Common threats: environmental, human, development.
- Introduction to condition assessment checklists.
- Practical exercise: documenting a sample site.

Day 3: Monitoring Techniques and Tools

- Visual inspection and photographic monitoring.
- Environmental monitoring: temperature, humidity, light, pollution.
- Use of data loggers and sensors.
- Structural monitoring: cracks, settlement, erosion.
- Data recording forms and logbooks.
- Practical: using a data logger and recording data.

Day 4: Condition Assessment and Reporting

- Condition assessment criteria for buildings, artifacts, and landscapes.
- Deterioration causes: biological, chemical, physical.
- Reporting formats and templates.
- Risk assessment and prioritisation.
- Case studies of condition reports.
- Practical: conduct a condition assessment on a simulated site.

Day 5: Preventive Conservation and Maintenance

- Preventive conservation: controlling environment, handling, storage.
- Maintenance planning: routine, periodic, emergency.
- Basic conservation treatments (cleaning, stabilisation).
- Monitoring conservation interventions.
- Health and safety in conservation work.
- Practical: create a maintenance schedule for a heritage site.

Day 6: Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA)

- Legal requirements for HIA.
- HIA methodology: screening, scoping, assessment.
- Stakeholder engagement in HIA.
- Mitigation hierarchy: avoid, minimise, remedy.
- Reviewing HIA reports.

- Practical: screen a proposed development for heritage impact.

Day 7: Community Engagement and Stakeholder Management

- Principles of community engagement.
- Identifying stakeholders (traditional authorities, local communities, NGOs).
- Indigenous knowledge and heritage management.
- Public participation techniques (meetings, workshops).
- Conflict resolution strategies.
- Practical: role-play a community engagement scenario.

Day 8: Digital Tools and GIS in Heritage Monitoring

- Introduction to GIS and spatial data.
- Mapping heritage sites with GPS and GIS.
- Remote sensing applications (satellite imagery, drones).
- Heritage databases (SAHRIS, local systems).
- Digital photography and photogrammetry.
- Practical: create a GIS map of heritage sites.

Day 9: Emergency Response and Disaster Management

- Types of emergencies: fire, flood, vandalism, theft.
- Emergency planning: risk assessment, protocols.
- Salvage and recovery procedures.
- Post-disaster condition assessment.
- Coordination with emergency services.
- Practical: simulate an emergency response drill.

Day 10: Legal and Ethical Frameworks

- Detailed review of National Heritage Resources Act.
- Provincial and local by-laws.
- Ethical codes of conduct for heritage practitioners.
- Handling and repatriation of heritage objects.
- Intellectual property rights and cultural copyright.
- Case studies on legal compliance.

Day 11: Case Studies and Best Practices

- Case studies from South Africa (e.g., Robben Island, Cradle of Humankind).
- International best practices.
- Successes and failures in heritage monitoring.
- Adaptive management approaches.
- Group discussion and presentations.
- Practical: develop a monitoring plan for a local heritage site.

Day 12: Review, Assessment, and Certification

- Course review and key takeaways.
- Final written assessment.
- Practical assessment: conduct a full monitoring exercise.
- Feedback session.
- Certification and next steps.
- Course evaluation.

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 **15 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 43,000.00	R 43,000.00
1	In-House	R 56,000.00	R 56,000.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 64,600.00	R 64,600.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
11 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
13 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
17 Aug 2026	01 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Shenzhen, China
18 Aug 2026	02 Sep 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 255676) 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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