



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Music Theory Fundamentals for Beginners

Culture and Arts / Music

Unit Standard 261317 · NQF Level 4 · 7 Credits · 4 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides beginners with a foundational understanding of music theory, enabling them to read, write, and interpret basic musical notation. Learners will develop the skills to apply theoretical concepts to practical music-making, such as composition and performance. The course aims to build confidence in using music terminology and understanding harmonic and rhythmic structures.

Category	Culture and Arts
Subfield	Music
Unit Standard	261317
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 7 Credits
Duration	4 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply basic music theory concepts including notation, scales, and intervals.
- Analyze simple musical phrases to identify key signatures, time signatures, and chord progressions.
- Demonstrate the ability to read and write standard musical notation.
- Evaluate rhythmic patterns and harmonic structures in given musical examples.
- Implement theoretical knowledge to compose a short original melody.
- Interpret musical symbols and terms accurately in practical contexts.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for aspiring musicians, music enthusiasts, and individuals seeking to enhance their musical literacy for personal or professional development.
- It is ideal for beginners with little to no prior formal music training.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Music Notation and Rhythm

- The staff, treble and bass clefs.
- Note names on lines and spaces.
- Note durations and rests.
- Time signatures and bar lines.
- Basic rhythm patterns.
- Introduction to the piano keyboard.
- Accidentals: sharps, flats, naturals.

Day 2: Scales, Key Signatures, and Intervals

- Major scale pattern (W-W-H-W-W-W-H).
- Key signatures and the circle of fifths.
- Interval types: major, minor, perfect.
- Ear training for intervals.
- Introduction to minor scales (natural minor).
- Relative major and minor keys.

Day 3: Chords, Harmony, and Chord Progressions

- Triad construction (root, third, fifth).
- Chord quality: major, minor, diminished, augmented.
- Primary chords in major keys.
- Chord progressions and cadences.
- Chord inversions (root position, first, second).
- Introduction to seventh chords (dominant seventh).

Day 4: Practical Application and Analysis

- Music analysis: form, phrase structure.
- Melody harmonisation techniques.
- Composing a 4-bar melody with chord accompaniment.
- Review of all concepts.
- Written assessment covering notation, scales, intervals, chords, and harmony.

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 **7 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 20,500.00	R 20,500.00
1	In-House	R 26,600.00	R 26,600.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 30,800.00	R 30,800.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

No sessions are currently scheduled. Please contact us to arrange a session at a time and location that suits your team.

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 261317) 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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