



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Basic Needs of Herpetofauna in Captivity

Agriculture and Nature Conservation / Nature Conservation

Unit Standard 261577 · NQF Level 5 · 4 Credits · 1 Day

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the foundational knowledge and practical skills to meet the basic needs of herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians) in captivity. It covers habitat setup, nutrition, health monitoring, and ethical handling, ensuring the well-being of these animals in zoological, educational, or private collections.

Category	Agriculture and Nature Conservation
Subfield	Nature Conservation
Unit Standard	261577
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 4 Credits
Duration	1 day
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Identify and describe the biological and behavioral needs of common captive herpetofauna species.
- Design appropriate captive environments that meet thermoregulatory, hydration, and security requirements.
- Implement feeding regimes and nutritional plans suitable for different species and life stages.
- Monitor and recognize signs of stress, illness, or injury in captive herpetofauna.
- Apply safe handling and restraint techniques that minimize stress and risk to both animal and handler.
- Evaluate and adjust husbandry practices based on observed animal condition and environmental parameters.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is ideal for zookeepers, wildlife rehabilitators, pet store staff, herpetology enthusiasts, and anyone responsible for the care of captive reptiles and amphibians.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Fundamentals of Captive Herpetofauna Care

- Introduction to herpetofauna: diversity and captive care principles.
- Enclosure design: size, substrate, hiding spots, and enrichment.
- Temperature and humidity regulation: heating, lighting, and monitoring.
- Water quality and hydration needs for aquatic and terrestrial species.
- Nutritional requirements: feeding schedules, prey items, and supplementation.
- Hygiene and disease prevention: cleaning protocols and quarantine.
- Common health problems: signs of stress, nutritional deficiencies, and parasites.
- Ethical and legal frameworks: welfare standards and permits.

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 **4 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 13,400.00	R 13,400.00
1	In-House	R 17,400.00	R 17,400.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 20,200.00	R 20,200.00

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 261577) 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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