

OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE: FAMILY LAW PRACTITIONER

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Pursuing a qualification as a family law practitioner in South Africa offers students a chance to make a profound impact on individuals and families during some of their most challenging times. Family law practitioners play a vital role in navigating complex issues such as divorce, child custody, and adoption, providing essential support and guidance. With the increasing demand for skilled professionals in this field, students can look forward to a rewarding career that combines legal expertise with compassionate client care. Additionally, this specialisation offers diverse opportunities within law firms, non-profit organisations, and government agencies, ensuring a stable and fulfilling career path. By studying family law, students can contribute to the well-being of society while building a meaningful and impactful profession.

QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFICATIONS

- SAQA ID#: 119432
- NQF Level 5
- Credits: 205
- Duration: 18 months
- Accreditation body: Quality Council for Trade and Occupations (QCTO)

ENTRY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

- NQF Level 4
- 2 years of experience within the legal sector



OCCUPATION FUNCTION

The primary purpose of a family law practitioner in South Africa is to provide legal assistance and support in matters related to family relationships.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is divided into 7 modules covering the following:

- General Principles of Law
- General Principles of Family Law
- Professionalism and Ethical Compliance in Family Law
- Child related matters in a Family Law context
- Domestic violence within the context of family law
- Basic theory on dispute resolutions
- Communication within the family law context

The programme consists of:

- Facilitator-led online knowledge modules
- Facilitator-led online practical modules
- Workplace-based learning modules (56 compulsory workplace based days)
- External Integrated Summative Assessment (exam)

VERTICAL ARTICULATION

- Diploma in Paralegal Studies, NQF Level 6