



Western Cape
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Journey to Excellence Begins Here!

Inspiring Minds, Shaping Futures



OVERVIEW

Founded in 1898, Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute (EATI) was the first centre for agricultural education in Africa. With over a century of excellence, EATI has earned a reputation as a leading institution in agricultural training, producing graduates who are equipped to meet the challenges of a dynamic agricultural sector.

Located in the picturesque Western Cape, Elsenburg offers prospective students a unique combination of academic rigour and hands-on, practical training. Whether you're passionate about crop production, livestock, wine-making, or equine care, Elsenburg has the right programme for you.

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

1. Bachelor of Agriculture (B.Agric) Degree

Duration: 3 years | NQF Level: 7

Offered in association with Stellenbosch University

Specialisation Options:

- Plant Production
- Animal Production
- Plant and Animal Production
- Cellar Technology
- Extension and Plant Production
- Extension and Animal Production

Admission Requirements:

- National Senior Certificate (NSC) with Bachelor's Degree admission
- Minimum 55% aggregate (excluding Life Orientation)
- Minimum requirements: English/Afrikaans (50%), and Mathematics (50%)/Math Literacy (60%), and Physical Sciences/Life Sciences/Agricultural Sciences (50%)

Career Paths: Agricultural manager, wine maker, cellar manager, agricultural extension officer, researcher, trainer, or marketer.

2 Diploma in Agriculture

Duration: 3 years | NQF Level: 6

Programme Structure:

- Two years of full-time academic training
- One year of Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

Fields of Study:

- Plant Production
- Animal Production
- Plant and Animal Production
- Cellar Technology

Admission Requirements:

- NSC with at least 40% aggregate
- Minimum requirements: English/Afrikaans (40%), and Mathematics (40%)/Math Literacy (50%), and Physical Sciences/Life Sciences/Agricultural Sciences (40%)

Career Paths: Farm assistant manager, technical advisor, cellar technician, or extension officer.

3. Equine Studies (EQASA)

Duration: 1 year

Modules Covered:

- Module 1: Professional Groom
- Module 2: Professional Head Groom
- Module 3: Professional Stable Yard Manager

Admission Requirements:

- National Senior Certificate

Key Topics: Horse care, equipment use, horse health, stable management, business skills.

Certification: EQASA-approved qualifications with progression from groom to stable yard manager.

4. Occupational Qualifications in Agricultural Skills Development

Duration: Max. 1 year

Accredited by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)

Programmes Offered:

- Orchard and Vineyard Foreman (NQF 4)
- Livestock Farm Supervisor (NQF 3)

Admission Requirements:

- Grade 10/11 or appropriate experience
- Compulsory: Access to a farm or land for practical training

Benefits:

- Practical, demand-driven training
- Blended learning (theory + workplace + practical)
- Fully funded by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (excluding transport)

Application Details:

- Applications open 1 April and close 30 June
- Apply online: www.elsenburg.com

ADDITIONAL SKILLS COURSES

EATI also offers various short skills courses across the province, including:

- Irrigation
- Tractor Maintenance
- AVCASA
- Marketing
- Financial Management
- Animal and Vegetable Production

These practical courses are open to all who seek to enhance their knowledge and skills in agriculture.

WHY CHOOSE ELSENBURG?

- 125+ years of agricultural education excellence
- Blended learning approach (theory + hands-on training)
- Real-world learning through WIL and internships
- Strong industry and research partnerships
- Career-oriented qualifications and support

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

When applying, ensure you have the following:

- Certified copy of ID
- Latest certified academic results
- Updated CV
- Proof of residence
- Letter confirming farm access (where applicable)

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APPLICATIONS NORMALLY OPEN ON 1 APRIL AND CLOSE BETWEEN JUNE AND JULY. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE WCDOA WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

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