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Rockford International ACADEMY





I am
Rockford International Academy
, a modern beacon of tertiary education situated in the heart of Mthatha, the vibrant economic hub of the Eastern Cape. My location positions me within the city's growth trajectory, offering a professional and accessible environment designed for high academic achievement

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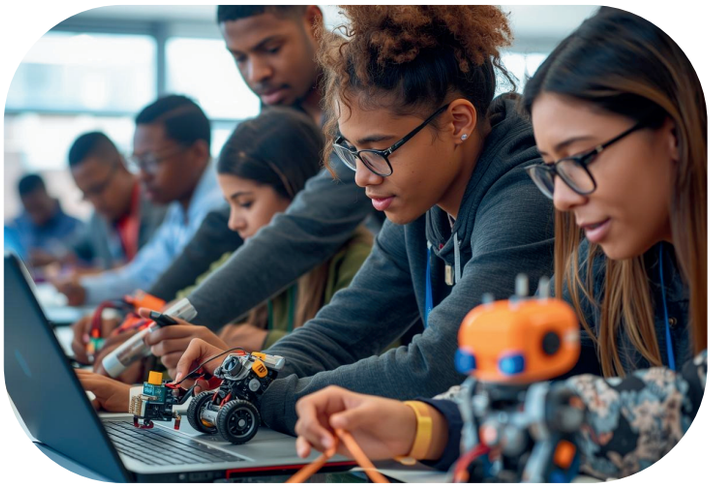
ABOUT US: Shaping the Future, Locally & Globally

Rockford International Academy (RIA) is a premier tertiary education centre situated in the heart of Mthatha, Eastern Cape. We are dedicated to providing world-class education that adheres to rigorous international standards, preparing a new generation of professionals and innovators for the global marketplace.

At RIA, we believe in a holistic approach to education. Our institution is built on the pillars of Innovation, Excellence, and Community Impact. We pride ourselves on offering relevant, demand-driven qualifications through our specialised faculties, designed to meet critical skills shortages in South Africa and beyond. Our modern campus environment provides the ideal backdrop for serious academic pursuit and professional development.

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Why Us? Your Pathway to Professional Excellence

Choosing Rockford International Academy is an investment in a future defined by opportunity and impact. Here are the key reasons why RIA is the right choice for your academic journey:

Our Guiding Principles

These principles define our culture, drive our curriculum development, and shape the experience of every student at Rockford International Academy.

Our Motto

LEARNING TODAY, LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

Our Vision

The long-term objective of Rockford International Academy is to grow the academy into a leading educational institution offering global courses and degree programs in the future, establishing ourselves as a centre of academic excellence that transcends geographical boundaries.

Our Mission

To provide innovative, career-focused tertiary education that empowers students with the practical skills and global competencies required to excel professionally, drive community impact, and meet the dynamic needs of international industries.

Our Core Values

At Rockford International Academy, our culture is built upon a strong foundation of shared values that guide our actions and decisions:

Excellence

- We are committed to achieving the highest standards in education, research, and professional practice. We strive for distinction in all our academic and administrative endeavours.

Integrity & Ethics

- We operate with transparency, honesty, and strong moral principles. We foster an environment of trust and accountability within our institution.

Innovation

- We embrace forward-thinking approaches to learning, technology, and problem-solving, preparing students for an ever-evolving world.

Diversity & Inclusion

- We celebrate our diverse student body and create an inclusive environment where all individuals are respected, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Student Success

- The achievement of our students is at the heart of everything we do. We provide dedicated support, resources, and mentorship to ensure every learner can thrive and succeed.

Global Citizenship

- We instill a sense of international responsibility and awareness in our graduates, encouraging them to become impactful leaders who contribute positively to society on a global scale.



Specialised Faculties

Targeted Skills We offer industry-aligned programs designed to give you a competitive edge. Our faculties include:

ENGINEERING FACULTY

1.DIPLOMA IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING:

Mechanical Engineering deals with the design, manufacture and maintenance of a wide range of industrial appliances.
This field of study is suitable for persons who have the ability to work with their hands.

COURSE DURATION

The duration of each N-Level is up 4 months and the every students is expected to pass all the 3 exams sittings then he/she can proceed to practical for 24 months.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

N4:

- Mechanotechnics
- Mechanical Draughting
- Engineering Science
- Mathematics

NOTE: Supervisory Management is offered Part-Time only as an elective at an additional cost

N5:

- Mechanotechnics
- Mathematics
- Strengths of Materials
- Power Machines

NOTE: Mechanical Drawing & Design and Supervisory Management are offered Part-Time only as an elective at an additional costs per subject

N6:

- Mechanotechnics
- Mathematics
- Strengths of Materials
- Power Machines

NOTE: Mechanical Drawing & Design and Supervisory Management are offered Part-Time only as an elective at an additional costs per subject

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Draughts person
Fitter & Turner
Toolmaker
Millwright
Machinist
Instrument Technician
Mechanical Technician
AutoCAD Designer
Refrigeration Technician

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- N3 Certificate: A National Certificate (N3) in Engineering Studies with a pass in at least four mechanical-related subjects.
- National Senior Certificate (Grade 12): A pass in Grade 12 with Mathematics and Physical Science. Some institutions specify a minimum pass of 40% to 50% in both subjects.
- Equivalent Qualification: An appropriate technical qualification at NQF Level 4.

2.DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING:

What Is Electrical Engineering?

Electrical Engineering sometimes referred to as Electrical and Electronic Engineering is a field of engineering that deals with the study and application of electricity, electronics and electromagnetism. It covers a range of subtopics including power, electronics, control systems, signal processing and telecommunications.

COURSE DURATION

The duration of each N-Level is up 4 months and the every students is expected to pass all the 3 exams sittings then he/she can proceed to practical for 24 months.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

N4:

- Electrotechnics
- Industrial Electronics
- Mathematics
- Engineering Science

N5:

- Electrotechnics
- Industrial Electronics
- Mathematics
- Power Machines

N6:

- Electrotechnics
- Industrial Electronics
- Mathematics
- Power Machines

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Electrical Engineering Technician
- Electrician / Maintenance Electrician
- Instrumentation & Control (C&I) Technician
- Field Service Technician/Engineer
- Field Service Technician/Engineer
- Electrical Drafter / CAD Technician
- Quality Control (QC) Inspector
- Junior Project Coordinator / Supervisor
- Electronics Technician

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- N3 Certificate: A National Certificate (N3) in Engineering Studies with a pass in at least four mechanical-related subjects.
- National Senior Certificate (Grade 12): A pass in Grade 12 with Mathematics and Physical Science. Some institutions specify a minimum pass of 40% to 50% in both subjects.
- Equivalent Qualification: An appropriate technical qualification at NQF Level 4.

3.DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING:

What is Civil engineering?

Civil engineering is **a professional engineering discipline focused on the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the physical and naturally built environment**.

COURSE DURATION
The duration of each N-Level is up 4 months and the every students is expected to pass all the 3 exams sittings then he/she can proceed to practical for 24 months.

PROGRAME STRUCTURE
N4:
- Building administration
- Mathematics
- Quantity Surveying
- Building and Structural Construction

N5 :
- Building administration
- Mathematics
- Quantity Surveying
- Building and Structural Construction

N6:
- Building administration
- Mathematics
- Quantity Surveying
- Building and Structural Construction

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- Civil Engineering Technician
- Site Engineer/Supervisor
- Quality Control (QC) Inspector/Officer
- CAD Technician/Drafter
- Quantity Surveyor (Assistant)
- Field Engineer
- Structural Engineering Technician
- Project Coordinator

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- N3 Certificate: A National Certificate (N3) in Engineering Studies with a pass in at least four mechanical-related subjects.
- National Senior Certificate (Grade 12): A pass in Grade 12 with Mathematics and Physical Science. Some institutions specify a minimum pass of 40% to 50% in both subjects.
- Equivalent Qualification: An appropriate technical qualification at NQF Level 4.

BUSINESS FACULTY



1.DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

Programme description "Business Management is the strategic discipline of coordinating an organization's core resources—human capital, financial assets, and technological innovation—to achieve sustainable growth and operational excellence. At Rockford International Academy, we define Business Management as the art of navigating complex global markets through data-driven decision-making, ethical leadership, and the efficient execution of organizational goals.

COURSE DURATION
The duration of each N-Level is up 6 months and the every students is expected to pass all the 3 exams sittings then he/she can proceed to practical for 18 months.

PROGRAME STRUCTURE

N4:

- Business Management
- Computer Practice
- Management Communication
- Introductory Accounting

N5 :

- Business Management
- Computer Practice
- Sales Management
- Economics

N6:

- Business Management
- Computer Practice
- Sales Management
- Economics

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Business Consultant
- Bookkeeper / Payroll Administrator
- Procurement Assistant
- Project Administrator
- Administrative Assistant
- Small Business Owner
- Franchisee
- Business Development Officer

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- N3 Certificate: A National Certificate (N3) in Engineering Studies with a pass in at least four business studies subjects.
- National Senior Certificate (Grade 12): A pass in Grade 12 with Mathematics and Physical Science. Some institutions specify a minimum pass of 40% to 50% in both subjects.
- Equivalent Qualification: An appropriate qualification at NQF Level 4.

2.DIPLOMA IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

What is Financial Management?

Financial management is the strategic planning, organizing, directing, and controlling of an enterprise's financial resources. It involves applying general management principles to the financial assets of a business to ensure money is used efficiently and effectively to achieve specific organizational objectives.

COURSE DURATION

The duration of each N-Level is up 6 months and the every students is expected to pass all the 3 exams sittings then he/she can proceed to practical for 18 months.

PROGRAME STRUCTURE

N4:

- Computerised Financial Systems
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Financial Accounting
- Management Communication

N5:

- Computerised Financial Systems
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Financial Accounting
- Cost and Management Accounting

N6:

- Computerised Financial Systems
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Financial Accounting
- Cost and Management Accounting

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- work in any industry

Act as support to:

- Accountant for a small firm
- Accounting Technician/Clerk
- Bookkeeper
- Debtors/Creditors Clerk
- Payroll Administrator
- Assistant to a Cost Accountant
- Internal Auditor Clerk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- N3 Certificate: A National Certificate (N3) in Engineering Studies with a pass in at least four business studies subjects.
- National Senior Certificate (Grade 12): A pass in Grade 12 with Mathematics and Physical Science. Some institutions specify a minimum pass of 40% to 50% in both subjects.
- Equivalent Qualification: An appropriate qualification at NQF Level 4.

3.DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

The Human Resource Officer is accountable for policies and practices that deal with the recruitment and selection of employees. In addition, HR officers manage the training and development of staff, and ensure that performance and productivity are maintained and improved. HR officers are responsible for creating good relationships between managers and employees.

COURSE DURATION
The duration of each N-Level is up 6 months and the every students is expected to pass all the 3 exams sittings then he/she can proceed to practical for 18 months.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

N4:
- Computer Practice
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Management Communication
- Personnel Management

N5:
- Computer Practice
- Labour Relations
- Personnel Training
- Personnel Management

N6:
- Computer Practice
- Labour Relations
- Personnel Training
- Personnel Management

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
– work in any industry
- Careers in Human Resources
- Consultants
- Training and Development
- Labour Relations/Industrial Relations
- Recruitment Agent
- Personnel Manager

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- N3 Certificate: A National Certificate (N3) in Engineering Studies with a pass in at least four business studies subjects.
- National Senior Certificate (Grade 12): A pass in Grade 12 with Mathematics and Physical Science. Some institutions specify a minimum pass of 40% to 50% in both subjects.
- Equivalent Qualification: An appropriate qualification at NQF Level 4.

4.DIPLOMA IN MARKETING MANAGEMENT:

The purpose pf marketing is to identify and satisfy customer needs. It consists of tasks and decisions aimed at distributing goods and services to consumers so that the objectives of the business, consumer and society are achieved

COURSE DURATION
The duration of each N-Level is up 6 months and the every students is expected to pass all the 3 exams sittings then he/she can proceed to practical for 18 months.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

N4:
- Computer Science
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Management Communication
- Marketing Management

N5:
- Computer Science
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Sales Management
- Marketing Management

N6:
- Marketing Communication
- Market Research
- Sales Management
- Marketing Management
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
– work in any industry
- Customer Relations
- Marketing
- Marketing Research

- Product Development
- Public Relations
- Purchasing Management
- Sales Management
- Call Centre Agent

5.DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT:

This course trains you for public sector roles by blending theory and practice in government operations, finance, law, and administration, leading to a National N Diploma after N6 completion and 18 months of workplace experience, covering skills in planning, policy, human resources, and public service delivery.

COURSE DURATION
The duration of each N-Level is up 6 months and the every students is expected to pass all the 3 exams sittings then he/she can proceed to practical for 18 months.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

First Semester N4:
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Management Communication
- Computer Practice
- Public Administration

Second Semester N5:
- Financial Administration
- Municipal Administration
- Computer Practice
- Public Administration

Third Semester N6:
- Entrepreneurship and Business Management
- Cost And Management Accounting
- Computerised Financial Systems
- Financial Accounting

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
– work in any industry
- Admin Junior/Senior Admin Assistant
- HR Advisor/Manager
- Policy Analyst
- Recruitment Officer
- Municipal Manager
- Public Relations Officer
- Knowledge Manager/Analyst
- Service Advisor
- Training & Development Practitioner

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- N3 Certificate: A National Certificate (N3) in Engineering Studies with a pass in at least four business studies subjects.
- National Senior Certificate (Grade 12): A pass in Grade 12 with Mathematics and Physical Science. Some institutions specify a minimum pass of 40% to 50% in both subjects.
- Equivalent Qualification: An appropriate qualification at NQF Level 4.

HEALTH FACULTY



1.HEALTH PROMOTION OFFICER L2/L3:
(163) Credits- 1 Year

The Health Promotion Officer course prepares individuals for a career in health promotion, focusing on disease prevention and lifestyle improvement, typically lasting one year

COURSE DURATION
The course usually spans one year, comprising both theoretical and practical components .this includes 6 months of theory followed by 6 months of practical tasks and workplace experience.

KNOWLEDGE(THEORY) MODULES

- Public and Community Health Support.
- Family and Community Healthy.
- Basic of Community Services

Total credits for the knowledge subjects: 40

PRACTICAL (SIMULATIONS) SKILLS MODULES

- Mobilise community to address community health issues.
- Identify the service needs and ease of access to health and social services.
- Promote healthy lifestyles and mental wellbeing
- Promote HIV prevention including HIV testing, condom use, partner reduction, circumcision, STI treatment.
- Provide information on prevention of accidents and incidents in homes.
- Record and report on information provided to individuals, households, ad communities
- Promote child health.
- Support community members with psychosocial problems.
- Provide an integrated approach to support treatment adherence.
- Provide an integrated approach to treatment adherence.
- Identity and treat a select number of minor ailments.
- Provide basic support to people who are unable to take care of themselves.
- Promote and provide support for maternal and women's healthy

Total credits for Practical Skills Modules:63

WORK EXPERIENCES MODULES

- Operation and dynamics of communities
- House registration and assessment processes.
- Health promotion processes
- Formal health provision process
- Household treatment process of minor ailments.

Total credits for Practical Skills Modules:60

KNOWLEDGE(THEORY) MODULES

- Public and Community Health Support.
- Family and Community Healthy.
- Basic of Community Services

Total credits for the knowledge subjects: 40

ENTRY LEVEL REQUIREMTS

Learners who want to register for this qualification must have:

- Ancillary Healthy Care NQF Level 1 or ABET level 4 with FLC
- Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 (No specific subjects are required).
- NQF Level 1 or equivalent competences in Mathematical Literacy and communications.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FIND EMPLOYMENT

- ·Major employer is Department of Health (Clinics, Rehabilitation centres, testing and counselling centres) through implementation of Primary Health Care re-engineering under NHI.
- ·Other employers include Schools, Waste disposal plants, Water purification plants, Local municipalities, Mental health centres, Old age homes, Mines, Health Research centres, Cancer Foundation, Heart foundation, Social department and NGOs

2.HOME BASED PERSONAL CARE

L2(135 credits)- 1 year and L3 (129 credits)- 1 Year

KNOWLEDGE (THEORY) MODULES

- Fundamentals of Home based care.
- Community Health Care and Social support.
- Rehabilitative care within a home based environment.
- Therapeutic care within a home based environment.
- Supportive and palliative care

Total Credits for the knowledge subjects: 45

PRACTICAL (SIMULATIONS) SKILLS MODULES

- Asses and identify the needs of patients' and family/ household members and develop/update a standardized are plan in collaboration with a professional supervisor.
- Identify and report on possible needs of patients and family/house hold members on an ongoing basis.
- Implement delegated components of the care plan (Household and patient);

- Educate patients and family members regarding the specific health/social conditions, implications and principles of care (to enable patients to make informed decisions).
- üRecord and submit required information as per the schedule.

Total Credit for Practise Skills Modules: 45

WORK EXPERIENCE MODULES

- Exposure to the processes of assessing, planning and providing holistic care in a household and community settings.
- Exposure to the processes of monitoring the implementation of the home-based care plans.
- Exposure to the processes of ensuring the active participation of patients and household in the management of care at home.
- Exposure to processes of capacitating patients/ family members I basic practise care skills.
- Exposure to the referral processes
- Exposure to the processes of conducting follow up on referred patients at a household
- Exposure to the processes of reporting and maintaining records within the home based care environment.
- Exposure to the processes of participating in care team activities

Total Credits for Work Experience Modules:45

ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS FACULTIES COURSE RESULTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

RESULTS AND CERTIFICATION `

- Certificates and diplomas are issued by the DHET. ` All qualifications are nationally recognised by industry and universities.
- All result letters will only be issued by the DHET.
- Release of statements of results and certificates are dependent on DHET timelines and are not within RIA's control.

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS PROGRAMME, LEARNERS WILL RECEIVE A:

1. National Certificate at each level N4, N5, N6
2. National N Diploma in NATED COURSES (on completion of N4-N6 and 24 months in-service training)

HEALTH FACULTY RESULTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

RESULTS AND CERTIFICATION `

- Results andCertificates are issued by the HWSETA
- All qualifications are nationally recognised by industry and universities.
- All result letters will only be issued by the HWSETA.
- Release of statements of results and certificates are dependent on HWSETA timelines and are not within RIA's control.

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS PROGRAMME, LEARNERS WILL RECEIVE A:

1. Statement of results on completion on Knowledge modules and of Practical Modules(1 year)
2. National Certificate in HEALTH COURSES (on completion of Inclass modules and in-service training)(1 year)