

The Academy for Facility Management

The Standard in FM Education



SHORT COURSES 2025

Students who wish to do short programmes can complete the modules of our Higher Certificate in Facilities Management as a short course.

There are 2 options for how short courses can be done:

1. If students simply want a **certificate of attendance**, they are able to attend online video conferencing sessions and will be given all the material for the module for further reading and study.
2. If students want to get recognised **credits for the short course** and engage with it more formally, they can attend the video conferences, will have to write 2 tests, submit 2 assignments, write an exam and complete a practical element of Work Integrated Learning, after which they will have achieved 20 credits at NQF level 5 and would be able to continue with more formal FM studies later on if they decided to do the formal HCFM programme or an accredited programme at another tertiary institution.

The cost of doing a module as a short course is:

- **R 12 000 for 20 credit modules** (FM Theory, Building Maintenance, Soft Services, Finance and Space Planning)
- **R 6 000 for 10 credit modules** (FM Consumer and Communication & Health and Safety)

There are 7 different modules from which to choose. All our programmes are offered online.

Customised short courses can also be done at any venue where there are 8 or more students registered.

The courses take place according to the following schedule:

Module	Dates of lectures	Content	Credit Value
FM Consumer and Communication	February 2025	<p>Consumer and Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FM customers, their behaviour and needs in the FM environment. • Communication for excellence in service delivery. • Customer satisfaction in the FM environment and how to achieve it. • Principles and techniques of effective communication. • Conflict management - dealing with dissatisfied customers. • Principles of communication planning for FM. <p>Effective communication with customers / users of the facility</p>	10 Credits at NQF Level 5
FM Theory	March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins, integrated nature, theory and principles underpinning the FM field • FM objectives of the organisation • Scope of FM & Trends in FM • Roles and responsibilities and structure of the FM organisation • Corporate strategy, FM strategy and FM policy 	20 Credits at NQF Level 5
Building Maintenance Management	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building condition assessment • Medium and long-term operations and maintenance programs. • Maintenance budgets, service level agreements, and asset management. • Planned and unplanned maintenance • Organisational strategy / policy and the link with building maintenance • Building and equipment life cycles • Building maintenance schedule. 	20 Credits at NQF Level 5
Professional Delivery of Soft Services in FM	July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scope and role of facility (soft) services in facility management. • Quality control for soft services and professional service delivery. • Financial implications and cost effectiveness in service delivery. • Service Level Agreements and contract management - SA Law of Contracts and other statutory requirements. • Principles and functioning of a Help Desk in the FM environment. • Practical case study work on contract management and SLAs. • Creating cost saving partnerships with suppliers. • Knowledge and understanding of supply chain and value chain. • Common negotiating errors. 	20 Credits at NQF Level 5
Financial Management for FM	Aug 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting Terms and the "mechanisms" of a business • extent of own financial involvement • Balance Sheets and an Income Statements • Mark-up and Profit margins; correct units for Investment • Profit, Return on Investment and Circulation of Capital • Core Financial Indicators • Productivity 	20 Credits at NQF Level 5

Facilities Space Planning and Management	Sept 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect, analyse and critically evaluate the accommodation needs of the organisation • Optimal space utilisation • Space needs - conference areas, filing areas and systems, pause areas, toilets, catering requirements, reception areas, etc. • Space planning for efficient use of the available space • Workstation layouts, appropriate office furniture and ergonomics • Present and future requirements of the accommodation needs of the organisation • Organisation's needs regarding furniture, audio visual requirements, filing requirements and systems, facilities management policies, etc. 	20 Credits at NQF Level 5
FM Health & Safety	October 2025	Health & Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk management • Rights and responsibilities of the employer and employee re H&S • Occupational Health and Safety Act • Environment • SHE Quality Management • Behaviour-based approach to SHE • Sick Building Syndrome 	10 Credits at NQF Level 5

For more information please contact register@a4fm.ac.za or register online at www.a4fm.ac.za

Please complete the registration at: <https://www.a4fm.ac.za/short-courses-registration-form/>



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