

Module details: VBW414 (Community Development and Beyond: Issues, structures and procedures)

Department: Consumer Science, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Module offered during: First semester

Study year of students: Fourth year

Credits: 16

Community partners: Unemployed women

Service sector partner: UFS Main Campus, Lengau Agricultural Centre

Brief description: The module includes community development with regard to individuals, families and groups. Students are involved with the planning of programs and projects, as well as the implementation of the project in the community.

Service learning component: In the module, students help members of the community to establish a small clothing plant. The women are motivated to create their own job opportunities.

Outcomes for students:

Students develop knowledge of the factors to be taken into account in community development and program planning. They learn how to work independently, how to implement a project and how to evaluate the success thereof. Furthermore, they apply different presentation methods, compile and apply teaching aids and evaluate and distinguish between different articles and products.

Impact on community: Women participating in this project are able to earn their own money on a weekly basis for products produced and sold. The women are eager to learn and develop skills that will bring some relief to their families. Most of the women are able to generate an income from the needle work they do.

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