

MICROBIOLOGY PRACTICAL COURSE (WATER AND FOOD ANALYSIS)



Aim of Course

To provide a practical approach where training will be given in test methods used for the analysis of water and food samples. The course will include 80% practical aspects and 20% theoretical aspects. All practical aspects will include the requirements for laboratory accreditation (ISO/IEC 17025:2017) by the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS).

Each attendee must bring his/her own laboratory coat and calculator.

Course Overview

- Laboratory accreditation
- Laboratory safety
- Basic microbiology and sterility
- Water quality and indicator organisms
- Quality assurance and factors affecting results
- Preparation of solutions, culture media (selective and non-selective)
- Sterilization of media
- Quality control and storage of media
- Use, maintenance and verification of reference cultures
- Calibration, maintenance and verification of equipment
- Use and interpretation of calibration certificates
- Preparation of samples (food and water), serial dilutions
- Membrane filtration technique (water) for Total Coliforms, Faecal Coliforms and *E. coli*
- Pour and spread plate techniques (food and water) – Total Plate Count
- Method quality control procedures
- Incubation
- Counting of bacterial colonies, calculation and recording of results (raw data)
- Confirmation techniques
- Documentation of information obtained during analysis and traceability requirements
- Reporting, interpretation and discussion of results
- Precision and control charts for microbiological results
- Proficiency testing: Use, evaluation, reporting and control charts

Who should attend

- Technicians, analysts, assistants working in water and food microbiology laboratories.
- Personnel from Municipalities, Government Departments, Water Boards, Water Bottlers who require knowledge on practical techniques for microbiological analysis of water samples as well as interpretation of results.
- Quality Control/Assurance personnel.
- Laboratories interested in obtaining accreditation.

Course Duration

5 Days

Evaluation

In order to successfully complete this course, and obtain a certificate, attendees are required to write and pass an examination, which is written approximately two weeks after the course.

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