

# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PABO

INFORMATION	
Campus Site	Stenden South Africa
Department	Internship Community Office
Target Groups	Students of 'Opleiding tot Leraar Basisonderwijs' (PABO)
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Entry level and Conditions	Positive Study Advice
Availability	Module 1,2,3 and 4 / Unlimited applicants

## INTRODUCTION "WHAT IS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?"

In community development you help communities:

- Help themselves
- Become more responsible
- Organize and plan together
- Develop long-term programs
- Strengthen community capacity to increase their quality of life
- Improve health, education, economic development, jobs and safety
- Create long-term community health, resilience and sustainability
- Empower themselves
- Reduce poverty
- Create employment and economic opportunities
- Achieve social, economic, cultural and environment goals

## ENKUTHAZWENI

Enkuthazweni means 'empowerment', it is a school for mentally handicapped children and children with special needs. The school is divided into three groups, each with about ten pupils. There is a skills group for those who are mentally unable to cope with the pace of the class. They create things or do drawings. The 'primary groups' consists of about ten young children who learn the ABC's etc. The 'classroom group' is a more advanced group and learns English and Xhosa reading and numeracy. Once a week the 'classroom group' goes to Pick 'n Pay supermarket to work and gain practical skills in different fields. Because of their lack of concentration they work for 1,5 hours and have half an hour breaks in between. They receive a lunch at the premises, which is partly financed by school fees and the Harris Soup Kitchen. In addition, they have a very big and well maintained vegetable garden which provides a small income for Enkuthazweni.

As an intern you will be involved in teaching numeracy, english, art, and life skills, organizing games, creative activities, and music. You will also provide assistance to those who need individual attention and assist the teachers in developing the contents of the teaching program. You will get involved in doing home visits in order to assess the home situation of the children. Besides you will focus on counseling individuals as well as teaching life skills.



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## PRIMARY SCHOOLS

PABO students will be placed in a primary school in Station Hill or Nemato. In each school the student will serve as a source of theoretical and practical knowledge and work in depth in the education field of the community. The student will teach at the schools and will constantly be assisting staff in the improvement, development and implementation of appropriate teaching programs. The students are challenged to develop a contextual understanding of all the issues and circumstances related to the school. The student can thereafter base his/her research on the problems identified.

What the students can expect:

- Inspiring work placements
- A commitment to your personal and professional development
- Meeting new people
- Living with other students
- Working in an open and friendly community in the township
- Experiencing different cultures
- Opportunity to travel
- Living in a multicultural society
- An experience of a lifetime!

What we expect from the students:

- Enthusiasm and commitment
- Believe that you can make a difference
- Take the opportunity to learn
- Open mind to working in a different culture
- Patience; adapt to the "African time" lifestyle
- Be open and let go of what you know and get settled in a new life
- A pro-active attitude
- Enjoy and have a great time!

