

OVERVIEW:

The MuST Programme was officially launched on July 2, 2004 under the former Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education in partnership with the National Training Agency. MuST Programme was designed in response to a social need within the nation's economy to nurture sustainable human development in Trinidad and Tobago. In 2011, The MuST Programme was transferred to MIC offering Hospitality and Tourism Level I and Construction Level II. In 2016 MIC-IT started a Crop Production pilot programme which was approved in 2017, and is now being offered under the MuST programme.

The Programme is a specialised craft-training initiative which seeks to develop competent workers within priority economic sectors. The MuST Programme offers trainees the opportunity to be exposed to various occupational and employability skills training within these priority sectors.

The Trainees will be exposed to the real world of work and Life Skills Training while at the same time learning a Technical Skill to gain sustainable employment. This programme has exposed over 20,000 unemployed nationals to occupational skills training within the Construction, Hospitality and Tourism Sectors.

FRAMEWORK:

The MuST Programme is a work based training programme. This means that the actual work which is being done facilitates the training process.

For four days per week, trainees go to various sites and properties, acting as assistants or helpers to skilled workers on these locations. For one day per week, the trainees retreat to an off-site Centre where they undergo Life skills, literacy and numeracy skills training.

Within the Programme Framework, three weeks' orientation prior to work-site placement, all Trainees undergo an Attitudinal Audit as a result of the nature of the respective sector.

One week's orientation prior to work-site placement, all Trainees are tested for marijuana, cocaine and extreme levels of alcohol. The drug and alcohol testing is done for occupational health and safety purposes.

Target:

The MuST Programme targets unemployed nationals between the ages of 17 - 50 years who are:

- Displaced workers
- Motivated to achieve
- Re-entrants into productive society
- Differently-abled

Benefits:

The benefits to be derived from the MuST Programme are:

- Nationals are trained to National Occupational Standards.
- Nationals are exposed to new Construction / Hospitality Technologies and work practices.
- Nationals are certified to the Caribbean Vocational Qualification Scheme.
- Training empowers nationals thus making them employable or self-employed.

OTHER BENEFITS:

Trainees will be exposed to:

- Volunteerism Projects
- Field Trips to Industries
- Educational Tours
- Visits to MIC-IT's other Training centres for practical classes.
- Periodic Internal and External (NTA) Assessments as required.

CORE COURSES (SELECT ONLY 1):

Hospitality & Tourism (Level I)

Construction (Level II)

Crop Production & Animal Husbandry (Level II)