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THE MOST DEMANDED SPECIALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

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The employment levels in South Africa are definitely not something to boast about and the employment rate in this country is quite low, especially in recent times due to the economic recession and political change. But, despite these facts, many specialties and a lot of careers are still popular.

According to the Government Survey and statistic which was released in 2015 the most demanded are engineering, accounting, teaching, medical jobs and Audiologists and Speech Therapists.

The most popular fields where many engineering specialists are engaged are Physical and Engineering Science, research on environmental safety, biomedicine, industrial and production engineering. The reason there is such a demand in these fields is because South African Educational Institution produces far too few engineers required the growing demand. To meet the increasing demands in specialists South Africa is looking to quadruple its yearly number of graduates in the above mentioned areas.

In terms of the demand of accounting spec. in South Africa the special organization, the SA Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) believes that Africa needs about 22,000 chartered accountants to fill the gap in the industry.

Chartered accountants have a large range of responsibilities such as handling tax returns, performing audits and they also help businesses streamline save their expenses.

Concerning teaching staff the specialists working in colleges and universities are incredibly important. “The reason for lack of educators filling teaching jobs is basically the lack of infrastructure in South Africa.”

In order to compete on a global scale and develop its economy and other industrial fields, South Africa needs more educated people.

Audiologists and Speech Therapists test a patients’ hearing ability or balance, counsel patients on other ways to cope with extreme hearing loss, including lip-reading or sign language. The lack of these professionals is due to the increase in hearing problems in South Africa. “The sudden surge in audible technology, construction and increased road usage are some of the reasons for this”.

Medical doctors personnel shortage of personnel is a global problem and also it concerns South Africa. South Africa produces less than half of our required doctors and nurses, only 1200 doctors graduate annually from South African educational institutions. As it was shown the lack of specialties is due to economical and social development of South Africa.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS’ OUTCOMES IN THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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Today learning foreign language has become an important part of human life. According to the majority of people, mastering foreign languages helps to know about another culture, develop of memory and find a good job in future. That is why the relevance of learning foreign languages has increased significantly. At the same time, the requirements for the study of foreign languages in educational institutions have also increased. Therefore, it is necessary to find a method used to assess students’ skills, success and knowledge. Assessment can be defined as a process that identifies, collects, and prepares data to evaluate the attainment of student outcomes, progress and program educational objectives within certain period. Effective assessment involves direct, indirect, quantitative, and qualitative measures as appropriate to the planned objectives or outcomes being measured.

However, not all learning can be measured in a direct way. For example, a desired outcome of a course may be to create more positive student attitudes toward English (or writing, reading, or team work), which are difficult to assess using only direct methods.

Indirect measures are not as strong as direct ones and can provide information about student perception of their learning and how this