



Call for Applications



CCEPD: Skills For A Vibrant Economy Short Courses

With funding from Skills for a Vibrant Economy (SAVE) Project, LUANAR Centre for Continuing Education and Professional Development (CCEPD) invites applications from suitably qualified candidates into the following university certificate programmes. The programmes are designed to strengthen practical skills, promote entrepreneurship, and enhance employability in high-impact sectors critical to sustainable economic growth, innovation, and job creation in Malawi. A total of **30 candidates per programme** will be awarded scholarships under the SAVE project, providing beneficiaries with an opportunity to acquire industry-relevant skills through hands-on training, business-oriented learning, and structured industry exposure.

1. Agricultural Mechanization

Target Audience & Expected Outcomes:

This Agricultural Mechanization course equips **youth, farmers, technicians, agripreneurs, and agricultural professionals** with hands-on skills to operate, maintain, and evaluate agricultural machinery, enabling them to improve productivity, support mechanized farming, and pursue employment or entrepreneurship opportunities in the agricultural sector.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Operate and service agricultural machinery safely and in line with manufacturer guidelines
- Diagnose, report, and address common machinery faults using standard farm procedures
- Select and apply appropriate farm tools and equipment for specific agricultural tasks
- Assess the performance and efficiency of agricultural machinery for improved productivity
- Communicate technical and operational information effectively with farmers, technicians, and other stakeholders

Entry requirements

- Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) with passes in Mathematics, Physics and English. Those with Junior Certificate of Education (JCE) with passes in Mathematics, Physics and English and extensive field experience in agricultural mechanization will be considered.

2. Dairy Entrepreneurship

Course Synopsis & Target Audience:

This Dairy Entrepreneurship course is designed to equip **youth, aspiring agripreneurs, smallholder farmers, dairy practitioners, and community-based entrepreneurs** with practical skills and innovative approaches to dairy production, value addition, and enterprise management, supporting food security, income generation, and sustainable growth of the dairy value chain.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

- Apply practical skills in dairy herd management, including feeding, breeding, health care, milking, and maintenance of dairy facilities and equipment
- Produce and market quality dairy products through localized milk processing and value addition
- Manage dairy enterprises profitably and sustainably, using sound business and resource management practices
- Demonstrate hands-on competence through supervised dairy enterprise practicum in farms or dairy processing facilities
- Operate independently and confidently as dairy entrepreneurs capable of contributing to industry growth and community livelihoods

Entry Requirements

- Open to youth, women, entrepreneurs, professionals, and anyone with landscaping experience who can read, write, and communicate effectively.

3. Certificate in Landscape Design and Entrepreneurship (CeLDE)

This programme is designed to equip youth, women, and other marginalized groups, as well as graduates, with the creative, technical, and entrepreneurial skills required for professional landscaping careers in government, the private sector, consultancy, and academia. The programme adopts a blended learning approach, combining face-to-face and remote instruction through lectures, fieldwork, studio-based design exercises, case studies, and industry exposure. Learners gain practical competence in landscape planning, design, implementation, and maintenance, alongside essential entrepreneurship and business skills, preparing them to create employment, establish enterprises, and contribute to sustainable built and natural environments.

Key Learning Outcomes:

- Design functional and aesthetically pleasing landscapes using appropriate tools and techniques.
- Apply landscaping principles and practices in residential, commercial, and public spaces.
- Integrate entrepreneurship skills to start and manage landscaping ventures.
- Implement sustainable landscape solutions that promote environmental stewardship.
- Communicate and present landscape concepts effectively to clients and stakeholders.

Entry requirements:

- Open to youth, women, entrepreneurs, professionals, and anyone with landscaping experience who can read, write, and communicate effectively.

4. Certificate in Renewable Energy Systems (CRES)

This programme is designed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs and technicians with practical skills and knowledge to design, install, operate, and maintain renewable energy systems. Participants will gain hands-on exposure to key renewable technologies including solar, wind, hydro, biomass, and geothermal energy, while understanding their role in advancing sustainable development and clean energy goals. The course also builds strong entrepreneurial and business skills, enabling learners to identify opportunities, develop viable renewable energy ventures, and comply with national and international energy policies. Graduates

will be well-positioned to drive innovation, sustainability, and economic growth within Malawi and the wider region.

Key Learning Outcomes:

- Explain and apply renewable energy technologies across solar, wind, hydro, biomass, and geothermal systems.
- Design, install, and maintain efficient renewable energy systems for practical applications.
- Identify and develop renewable energy business opportunities, including basic financial and market analysis.
- Interpret energy policies and regulatory frameworks relevant to renewable energy adoption.
- Communicate technical and business concepts effectively to clients, investors, and other stakeholders.

Entry Requirements

- Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) with credit passes in Mathematics, Physical Geography and English. Those with knowledge in Computer applications will have an added advantage.

Scholarship Opportunity Available!

- Limited scholarship is available for 30 participants (for each course) on first come first serve.
- The scholarship covers training fees, learning resources, certification and upkeep allowance throughout the training period.
- Applicants not awarded the scholarship will be required to pay a training fee of MK 150,000.00.

Dates: February - March , 2026 | **Venue:** Bunda

How to Apply

Don't miss out! Click the link below to access and submit your application form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ObH5Lz0Qq06xYTpHdO8SkW2xOMxTzahGrJaR-8FlzimRUQTdNM0NSTzAzT1IxWDg0WIFFV0tCWUpBWi4u&origin=QRCode>

Closing date for receiving application: Friday 13th February 2026.

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