

## 300 learnerships up for grabs for WeThinkCode\_'s 2021 programming course

Think you have what it takes to be a software developer or programmer? Applications are now open for the 2021 WeThinkCode\_full-time, fully-sponsored two-year programming course. Three hundred places are available for the NQF-5 course, to be held at WeThinkCode campuses in Johannesburg and Cape Town.



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Each year WeThinkCode\_receives over 50,000 applications from young South Africans looking for a start in the growing technology sector, which is crying out for digital skills, particularly in the area of programming and software development.

"We're looking for students with both talent potential and drive to succeed," says Nyari Samushonga, CEO at WeThinkCode\_.

Our course has been structured to meet the needs of South Africa's corporate environment while bringing the best out of our selected candidates.

WeThinkCode\_ has a 98% rate of employment among its programming graduates, at average starting salaries of R240,000. Many of its graduates have subsequently been promoted to positions of seniority in their organisations.

"We draw on the expertise of some of the world's leading technologists in the design of our courses. Mentoring and individual tuition are built into the course as well, to ensure that we bring out the best in each one of our students," Samushonga says.

## **Untapped talent**

South Africa has a vast pool of untapped talent with the aptitude to be trained in technology, which given the right training and input, have proven to become excellent coders and programmers. Some of these have come from the most surprising quarters.

"Applicants need not be hesitant about applying as there is no need for a specific background in technology. We have former chefs and musicians, for example, on the course," Samushonga adds.

The course is open to anyone between the ages of 17 and 35. Interested applicants apply online, where their logic and problem-solving abilities are tested, attend an open day to learn more about the programme and complete a critical thinking test. They are then required to attend a rigorous bootcamp before being selected and enrolled into the two-year programme.

There are other economic and social drivers that make this course so important. The shortage of tech skills has been aggravated by the accelerated demand across the spectrum for digital transformation and accompanying skills as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"This is a perfect opportunity for smart, ambitious young people to rethink their careers in terms of technology," Samushonga says.

WeThinkCode\_'s two-year programming course is certified by the ICT Seta and earns its graduates a NQF5 qualification. The course trains its graduates to be full stack developers equipped with the ability to build software solutions within any enterprise.

Interested applicants can go to <a href="https://www.wethinkcode.co.za/apply">https://www.wethinkcode.co.za/apply</a>.

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