

# Learn how to run a guest house

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THE UNIVERSITY of Cape Town's Department of Construction Economics and Management, in partnership with the online training company GetSmarter, will run a guest house management course in September and October.

The course convener, Corine van Dyk, has run her own guest house for the past 13 years. She chairs a number of industry organisations and was previously a trainer for the South African Tourism Institute. She is available throughout the 10-week part-time course to guide and assist the students.

"The UCT guest house management course is intended for current owners and managers of guest houses, B&Bs, boutique hotels and backpacker lodges, as well as people who want to start their own es-

tablishments. Students with hospitality industry experience can gain new insights into the latest trends and practices, and prospective guest house managers can learn essential and comprehensive practical, legal and insider skills," says Van Dyk.

"The course takes students through every stage of starting and running a guest house – from the legal requirements and initial planning to marketing and day-to-day activities."

Van Dyk says the material is constantly being updated to take account of the latest trends, legal requirements and real-world factors.

● The course is due to start on September 13, and registrations close on September 3.

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