

MALKU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Introduction

The Malku Institute of Technology¹ (Malku) is a Ghanaian Educational Corporation. When the construction of our new campus is complete Malku will be comprised of four colleges offering certificate, diploma, undergraduate and graduate courses in: Applied Science and Technology, Agriculture, Special Educational and Disability Studies, Environmental and Nutritional Sciences, Leadership and Entrepreneurial Skills.

Targeting Women, Youth, Community

The vision for Malku is to literally ‘Take the Institution to the Community.’ A majority of the continent’s populations are in rural and semi-urban communities while most institutions of higher learning are targeted to urban populations. These institutions continue to operate with a model that worked 100 years ago—spending an average of 3-5 years to produce one qualified yet in-experienced person.

Malku’s Direct-Injection to Community Approach

Our approach aims to provide the kind of practical solution-focused flexible education that will equip and also give experiential training to students. Courses are custom-designed with the communities in mind, to address deficiencies in the areas of entrepreneurial agriculture, nutritional science, and environmental studies, adaptive technology, special education, entrepreneurship and ethical leadership. Malku aspires to be a lab and workshop for the training and equipping of innovators and solution agents.

Malku Targets Women

The African woman still lags behind in terms of empowerment in virtually every area. Malku seeks to empower the female youth and older women to remove them from vulnerability to invincibility through our various programs.

Malku Targets Youth

Africa is a rapidly developing continent. According to the Youth Division of the African Union Commission and African Development Bank (AfDB), approximately 65% of the total population of Africa is below the age of 35 years with over 35% between the ages of 15 and 35 years. Over 40% are under the age of 15 and 20% are between the ages of 15 and 24. This makes Africa the most youthful continent. By 2020, it is projected that out of 4 people, 3 will be around 20 years old. Every year roughly 10 million young African youth enter the the labor market. Malku designs its courses to reach as many youth within the context of their community and its untapped potential. Upon completion of training, they will not become job-seekers, but job creators and innovators. Malku’s ethos is to re-educate the youth on the values of sustainable development in rural Africa.

Malku’s Proprietary Colleges

The four Malku proprietary colleges designed to address the above target areas are: the College of Agriculture; the College of Environmental and Nutritional Science; the College of Applied Science and Technology; the College of Special and Exceptional Education and Disability Studies; and the College of Leadership and Entrepreneurial Studies.

¹ Malku Institute was nominated for the 2015 Oil and Gas Training Institution of the Year Award

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Malku's Partner Institutes

Malku seeks to foster cohesion within the field of education by coordinating with all component college and partner institutes. Malku is currently affiliated with Australia Correspondence Schools Distance Education offering over 400 online courses.

Expected Results

- Increase population with relevant skills to harness potentials especially in rural Africa
- Better educate and train women in target areas in health, food and water security, and entrepreneurial skills
- Reduce the number of individuals in rural communities migrating to urban centers in search of employment
- Develop sustainable income by creating educational, agriculture, technological, water and food security solutions

Find us at: www.malkuinstitute.org

Malku Youth Empowerment Program

Our program works in close partnership with local organizations in Ghana to offer youth training in life skills, employability and entrepreneurship.

This initiative trains young people in information and communications technology, other marketable skills and provides internship and job placement services.

We offer training at our campus in Osu, Ghana Monday through Friday from 6 pm to 8 pm. On the weekend, our training takes place Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm.

We conduct training in rural communities Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm. We stay in a target community for 20 weeks. During this time we implement the Sustainable Community Development Program in the community. On Saturday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm we hold community training workshops focused on hygiene, sanitation, health and nutrition.

Our Student Sponsor Partners address the high youth unemployment crisis in Africa by providing low-income students with entrepreneurial training. All the students in the Malku Youth Empowerment Program are paired with a sponsor who offers financial support and mentors who offer one-to-one mentoring.

Our 20-Week Program

Our programs are professional development courses. They have been designed for those who are interested in increasing their own skills and enhancing their ability to do their work.

Upon completion of the first 20-week certificate program, Entrepreneurial Skills Development, a student may elect one of the four specialization tracts that we offer. These are: Agribusiness, Borehole Drilling, Plumbing, Solar Panel and Wind Turbine Installation. There is an additional cost that is contingent upon the tract selected. The student may also register for the second certificate program in this series: Entrepreneurial Tools for Business. Upon successful completion of both these certificate programs the student will be awarded a diploma.

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Offered modules:

- Entrepreneurship Skills (5 weeks)
- Customer Service (1 week)
- Developing business/professional relationships (1 week)
- Corporate/personal image and marketing yourself (1 week)
- Resume Building and Interviewing Techniques (1 week)
- Assessment (1 week)
- Introduction to computer science (4 weeks)
- Assessment (1 week)
- Internship Program (4 weeks)

Why Choose Malku?

1. Experiential learning - Our programs provide students with hands-on experiences.
2. Support Services - Our Entrepreneurial Center provides the knowledge, support and connections for our students and graduates. We offer a free online training entitled Principles of Success. This is a part of our Leadership Training Series. The companion text is See You at the Top by Zig Ziglar. This course is designed to help you to achieve the best in personal and vocational performance.
3. Affordability

Malku Sustainable Community Development Program

We bring sustainable community development to communities all over Africa by integrating our community-based core expertise with our specialties of: agriculture, health, economic development, nutrition, water, sanitation, hygiene, and women and youth empowerment.

Our Student Sponsor Partners

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Sponsor

Sponsors fund all or part of the cost of their student's tuition. The average tuition is \$250 per student. We ask the student to contribute \$50. The sponsor's financial commitment is flexible and all sponsor contributions are greatly appreciated and applied directly to fund their student's tuition². Sponsors who are unable to make the time commitment to mentor their students are paired with mentors who contribute their time.

Mentor

Many of our sponsors choose to mentor a student. These Student Sponsor Partners mentor and financially support their student. Mentors are asked to meet with their student 3-6 times each year via Skype and maintain monthly contact by phone or email.

² The sponsorship program is administered through a U.S. Nonprofit Corporation, Sunshine Christian Association Scholarship Fund Inc. which is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All your contributions to the sponsorship program are tax deductible.

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If you would like to become a sponsor or mentor please visit our website at www.malkuinstitute.org and register as a sponsor or mentor.

Support the Sustainable Community Development Program

We invite corporate partners who support a training in villages where there is an urgent need. The corporation sponsors the training of 30 people at the cost of \$5000. In villages we use our weekend schedule. We use Saturday evenings to do community training in the areas of economic development; nutrition; eater, sanitation & hygiene; women's empowerment; and youth empowerment we bring sustainable community development to communities all over Africa.

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