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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

**PRINCIPAL TECHNICIAN (INSTRUMENTATION)
(PEROMNES GRADE 8)
SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES
PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS**

REFERENCE NO.:LS04/2019

The School of Life Sciences on the Pietermaritzburg campus operates several teaching and research laboratories. The School seeks to appoint a Principal Technician to manage and provide specialist technical support for the School's pool of analytical equipment as well as general technical support for the School. S/he will oversee the functioning of the research laboratories, maintenance of laboratory equipment and the specialist training of staff and postgraduate students. A sound knowledge of advanced scientific equipment including HPLC, GC/MS as well as experience in Biological Science environment and with protein crystallographer are essential.

The incumbent will be responsible for the line management and development of associated technical staff. S/he must be able to advise on the purchasing of new equipment and will be responsible for maintaining the asset register. S/he will ensure that proper health and safety requirements are maintained in the School and co-ordinate the disposal of toxic waste. The incumbent will supervise laboratory staff as well as perform administrative functions and other duties based on the operational needs of the School as determined by management.

The incumbent will report to the Manager: Technical Operations.

Minimum Requirements:

- Relevant Honours degree in Life Sciences or related field
- Five years relevant work experience, of which two years should be at the senior level, inclusive of experiential training gained during post graduate studies.

Short-listed candidates may be required to undergo a skills test.

Enquiries and details regarding this post, as well as requests for a job profile may be directed to Ms Celeste Clark, e-mail: clarkm@ukzn.ac.za.

Appointment to this post will be on the 1 January 2018 Conditions of Service.

The total remuneration package offered includes benefits.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 15 February 2019.

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za. Completed forms may be sent to Recruitment-aes@ukzn.ac.za.

Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.