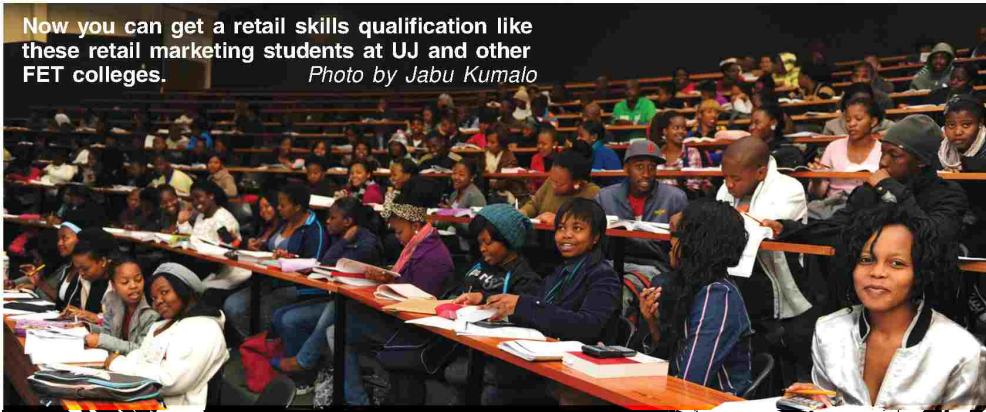


Now you can get a retail skills qualification like these retail marketing students at UJ and other FET colleges.

Photo by Jabu Kumalo



Study retail business and get your work advantage!

By NIABULO NGCOBO

DID you know that there is a university qualification for those interested in working in the retail sector?

There is and you can apply now.

According to Leigh Blochlinger, the head of Retail Relate, which specialises in retail skills training, there is a need for over 40 000 managers alone in the country.

"South Africa's retail and wholesale business employs 2 825 000 people – about 22% of Mzansi's workers. It is a well of employment opportunities," said Leigh.

The training is offered in different courses at FET colleges and universities including University of Joburg, Tshwane University of Technology, Vaal University of Technology, Durban University of Technology, Cape Peninsula University

of Technology and Unisa.

The University of Joburg's national diploma retail business management programme coordinator, Mariette Frazer, said, with the new wholesale and retail Seta bursary, they have made training available for those interested.

"A lot of work went into its development and we are proud to say that students can now get formal qualifications to become store managers and other retail careers," she said.

Mariette said they are working with big companies like Pick n Pay and SAB Miller and also the Direct Selling Association of South Africa who employ students and make sure they get hands-on training and valuable practical experience.

For more info about the courses you can contact University of Johannesburg on 011 559 1414/24 or W&R Seta on 012 622 9500.