



## A CERTIFIED ETHICS OFFICER AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER

Dr Poswa (MUT Class of 1988: National Diploma Public Health) is a leader and environmental health practitioner with multidisciplinary experience acquired from serving various roles in his profession.

## Dr Tobius Thobile Poswa - Class of '88

He has served as an environmental health professional, a project and training facilitator, a trainer of trainers for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and community-based projects, a project manager and a spiritual mentor. His PhD focused on Bioethics and Health Law.

Dr Poswa has a combined professional and academic experience of 35 years in the field of environmental health. He has been the head of the Department of Environmental Health at MUT since 2009. His mission is to strengthen science and deepen research in environmental health practice - a mission which is already bearing fruits for MUT. Dr Poswa was at the helm of developing the B.Sc in Environment Health, a four-year professional degree that is now offered by MUT. The degree was accredited by the Council for Higher Education (CHE) and granted permission to be offered by Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) in 2015.

Dr Poswa adds: "We take this achievement very seriously as we are the only University of Technology in South Africa that has been granted accreditation to offer this programme. The B.Sc in Environmental Health programme is research-based, and we are excited to have established international partnerships with institutions such as the George Washington University to enable us to benchmark how they balance the theory and practical elements of the programme while managing research projects."

Dr Poswa is a Certified Ethics Officer recognised by The Ethics Institute following completion of the Ethics Officer Certification training accredited by the University of Stellenbosch Business School. In addition, he holds a Certificate of Competence on Doctoral Supervision from the University of Stellenbosch, Centre for Research on Evaluation and Technology.