



The Diocese of Corpus Christi partnering with Catholic Distance University (CDU) to provide high-quality online non-credit courses and seminars for certificate per the TCCB and the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

TCCB CERTIFICATION

TCCB certification consists of the completion of eight courses addressing Theology, Scripture, and Catechesis

THEOLOGY

Expressing fidelity to Catholic doctrine, the theological content of these courses centers around the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

SCRIPTURE

Close examination of the Old and New Testaments of Sacred Scripture opens catechists-in-training to the Word of God.

CATECHETICS

In order to foster strong and faithful teaching practices, these courses form educators in the Six Tasks of Catechesis as developed in the National Directory for Catechesis.

CDU COURSE FEES

The fee for each of the eight online courses is \$45 and is paid directly to CDU at the time of registration for each course. Upon completion of the course, Catholic School teachers submit their certificate of completion to their principal and receive a scholarship reimbursement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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REGISTERING FOR A NONCREDIT INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSE:

- ✓ Go to website: WWW.CDU.EDU
- ✓ Select "Continuing Education" from the top toolbar.
- ✓ From the dropdown menu, select "Noncredit Independent Study" or "Noncredit Seminar"
- ✓ Click on "Register Now"
- ✓ Click on the course or seminar of your choice; make payment and begin your course!
- ✓ **BE SURE TO ENTER PROMO CODE:
16CORPUSCHRISTI**

APPLYING FOR TCCED CERTIFICATION:

Once all course requirements for certification through CDU have been completed, the individual submits copies of their certification and commissioning to their principal, who will send it on behalf of the teacher to the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. If the individual also took courses through the St. Paul School of Catechesis, copies of those certificates would be sent as well. The individual must assure that the application is complete. Incomplete applications will be returned.

The online application can be found at:

<http://diocesecc.org/documents/2016/9/CDUAPP.pdf>

EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL:

TCCB Certification is good for 5 years only. 20 hours of continuing education credit are required annually after Certification is achieved.

Recommissioning hours may be done through CDU, this includes completing a CDU Certification or Specialization. Continuing education includes workshops and conferences of a religious nature sponsored by Catholic institutions. Individuals must reapply for Certification after 5 years and provide documentation of hours of continuing education credit during each year.



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TCCB CERTIFICATION PREK-8 TEACHERS OF RELIGION IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Office of Catholic Schools and
The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



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SPSC/CDU COURSE EQUIVALENCIES



St. Paul School of Catechesis Courses already completed may count toward 2014 TCCED requirements according to the chart below. In the chart below, the left-hand column shows the existing SPSC courses, and the course listed directly to the right-hand column is the recognized equivalency from CDU. For example, if an individual has taken SPSC: The Church, the requirement for CDU Course THEO N004: Introduction to the Catechism has already been satisfied.

SPSC COURSE	CDU COURSE
Approved Elective Course Offered through the SPSC	THEO N004 : Intro to CCC
Catholic Doctrine	THEO N005 : Profession of Faith
Liturgy and Sacraments	THEO N006 : The Christian Mystery
Morality	THEO N007: Life in Chrst
Prayer and Spirituality	THEO N008: Christian Prayer
Scripture	SCRPT N004: Introduction to Scripture
Scripture	SCRPTN113: Verbum Domini
Catechesis and Evangelization	RELED N042 Forming Disciples for Community and Mission: Basic Tasks of Catechesis

Online Independent Study Course Requirements

View and/or listen to lesson lectures.
Complete 2 or 3 graded assignments (open book)
Complete course within 2 months.

PreK-8 Teachers of Religion who have not yet taken any SPSC courses must take the full complement of 8 CDU courses to fulfill TCCB Requirements. Any questions regarding these equivalencies should be directed to:

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Certain college courses may also qualify for equivalency if it is determined that there is satisfactory parity in content. Please contact Deacon Santos Jones to determine equivalency of college courses.

According to TCCB guidelines, "Parish-based adult education classes, RCIA classes, retreats, continuing education workshops, and other similar programs may not be counted to fulfillment of these "requirements"

When an individual completes a course or seminar with a minimum grade of 75%, the student will be invited to download a certificate, confirming completion of the course and the corresponding CEU's/clock hours awarded.



TCCB CERTIFICATION THROUGH CDU

To meet TCCB Guidelines updated for the 2014-2015 Academic Year, PreK-8 Teachers of Religion must fulfill the following requirements:

"150 clock hours of undergraduate-level coursework appropriately distributed among courses in Catholic doctrine, Sacred Scripture, morality/social justice, and sacraments/liturgy...[consisting of] online, non-credit courses offered by an accredited Catholic University." A religion teacher for grades 3K or 4K must have an associate degree in early childhood or a Montessori Certificate, or a valid, appropriate state certificate with the above requirement.

TCCB certification must be completed within 3 years. Teachers must have 50 hours per year over 3 years. The Annual Catholic School Teacher Afternoon of Reflection completes the certification requirement.

The following complete series of non-credit online independent study courses offered by Catholic Distance University meet the above criteria.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	HOURS
THEO N004	Intro to the Catechism of the Catholic Church	20 HOURS
THEO N005	The Profession of Faith	20 HOURS
THEO N006	The Celebration of the Christian Mystery	30 HOURS
THEO N007	Life in Christ	30 HOURS
THEO N008	Christian Prayer	20 HOURS
SCRPT N004	Intro to Scripture & the Gospel Message	10 HOURS
SCRPT N113	The Way Catholics Use Scripture: Pope Benedict XVI's Verbum Domini	10 HOURS
RELED N042	Forming Disciples for Community and Mission: Basic Tasks of Catechesis	10 HOURS