

TCCED Certification

TCCED certification consists of the completion of 8 (eight) courses addressing Theology, Scripture, and Catechetics.

- 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 open catechists-in-training to the *Word of God*.

- Catechetics

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

TCCED Certification through CDU

To meet the TCCED Guidelines updated for the 2014-2015 Academic Year, Elementary 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.”

TCCED certification must be completed within 3 years

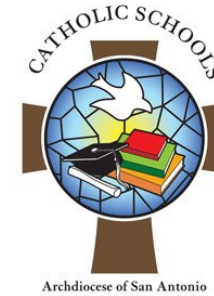
Applying for TCCED Certification with the Archdiocese of San Antonio

- Complete all required courses
- Copy of CDU course completion certificates
- Fill out application forms
- Submit application forms & copies of certificates of completion to principal
- Principal will submit entire packet to Academy for Lay Ecclesial Ministry
- * Incomplete application forms & missing supporting documents will delay certification process.

Expiration & Renewal

- TCCED Certification is valid for 4 years.
- 10 hours of CE credit required annually after certification is achieved
- CE credit includes:
 - workshops & conferences of religious nature sponsored by Catholic Institutions
 - retreats
 - Assembly
- Applicant must apply for certification renewal every 4 years providing proof of CE credits.

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**TCCED Certification
for Elementary Teachers
of Religion in Catholic Schools**



***The Archdiocese of San Antonio
partnering with
Catholic Distance University (CDU)
to provide
high-quality • online • non-credit
courses for certification***

CDU Portal for
Archdiocese of San Antonio

- Go to <https://www.archsa.org/academy> and click on the Catholic Distance University icon at the bottom of the page.
- Scroll to red bar in the middle of the web page
- Select ‘Partners’
- Select ‘San Antonio, TX’

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

CDU Study Course Fees

The fee for each of the eight online courses is \$40 and is paid directly to CDU at the time of registration for each course.

Lay Ministry Formation Funds (LMFF)

Lay Ministry Formation Funds are available for courses toward TCCED certification.

LMFF applications must be received 30 days prior to beginning any course. Applications will not be accepted for

The following complete series of non-credit online independent study courses offered by Catholic Distance University meet TCCED guidelines:

Course Number	Course Title	Hours
THEO N004	Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church	20
THEO N005	The Profession of Faith	20
THEO N006	The Celebration of the Christian Mystery	30
THEO N007	Life in Christ	30
THEO N008	Christian Prayer	20
SCRPT N004	Introduction to Scripture & the Gospel Message	10
SCRPT N113	The Way Catholics Use Scripture: Pope Benedict XVI’s <i>Verbum Domini</i>	10
RELED N042	Forming Disciples for Community & Mission: Basic Tasks of Catechesis	10

The student will receive an email confirmation from CDU upon completion of course. The CEU’s/clock hours and grade awarded will be posted on the student’s myCDU transcript within 5-7 working days.

Registering for Courses

- Go to <https://cdu.edu/how-to-register/> and follow directions.
- * Enter promo code **CDU15SANANTONIO**
- * Allow 24 hours to process transaction before course is available.

Equivalencies

Catholic School teachers **are not** required to complete Level 1 before beginning the CDU TCCED Certification series of courses. Level 1 workshops do not meet undergraduate-level standards and do not fulfill any area of TCCED Requirements.

Elementary Teachers of Religion must take the full complement of 8 CDU courses to fulfill TCCED requirements.

Certain college courses may also qualify for equivalency if it is determined that there is satisfactory parity in content.

According to TCCED guidelines, “Parish-based adult education classes, RCIA classes, retreats, continuing education workshops and other similar programs may not be counted toward fulfillment of these requirements.”