

## ONLINE LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATION

The online Level 2 option through CDU consists of the completion of 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 and faithful teaching practices, these courses form educators in the *Six Tasks of Catechesis* as developed in the *National Directory for Catechesis*.

*Any individual who completes Level 2 Online through CDU will have fulfilled the requirements for TCCED Certification for Elementary Teachers of Religion in Catholic Schools.*

**To register for a noncredit independent study course:** - Go to CDU website: <https://cdu.edu/how-to-register/> and follow directions. Be sure to enter the promo code **CDU15SANANTONIO** when you register.

### APPLYING FOR LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATION

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. Once all course requirements for certification through CDU are successfully completed, the individual must print and submit the certificates of completion, along with the application for certification (available at <https://www.archsa.org/academy/>), to the Academy for Lay Ecclesial Ministry. If any Level 2 classroom courses were taken to fulfill requirements, a copy of those completion certificates should accompany the application. Please be aware that two (2) prayer and/or retreat experiences and a recommendation from the pastor or ministry supervisor are needed for the application for Level 3 certification. **The individual must assure that the application is complete. Incomplete applications will be returned to the individual.**

### Expiration and Renewal

- Level 2 Certification is good for 4 years only.
- 10 hours of continuing education credit are required annually after Certification is achieved.
- Continuing education includes workshops and conferences of a religious nature sponsored by Catholic institutions.
- 2 retreats are required during the renewal period.
- Must re-apply for Certification after 4 years and provide documentation of hours of continuing education credit during each year.

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*Online Level 2  
Certification Option*



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

## LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATION THROUGH CDU

For parish catechists, catechetical leaders, RCIA catechists and leaders, scripture study leaders, pastoral leaders and other interested adults, the following series of courses has been approved by the Archdiocese to achieve Level 2 Certification. ALL of these courses must be completed to satisfy Level 2 requirements.

**An individual must already hold Level 1 Certification to be able to begin either online or classroom Level 2 courses. Failure to do so may result in these studies not being counted towards certification.**

Course Number	Course Title	Clock 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

## LEVEL 2/CDU COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

It is possible to have begun Level 2 classroom courses and complete Level 2 certification using CDU online offerings. For example, if an individual has not taken Level 2 Course #216, CDU Course THEO N007 will satisfy the requirement.

To satisfy the requirement for having fulfilled *CDU Course THEO N006*, completion of **both** Level 2 Courses #217 **and** #218 is needed. If neither of these courses has been completed, or if only one has been completed but not both, then *CDU Course THEO N006* **must** be taken.

In the chart below, the left-hand column shows the existing Level 2 courses, and the course listed directly to the right in the right-hand column is the recognized equivalency from CDU. For example, if an individual has taken *Level 2 Course #211: The Church*, then the requirement for *CDU Course THEO N004: Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church* has already been satisfied.

Level 2 Course	CDU Course Number
#211: The Church	THEO N004
#231: Maturing in Faith	THEO N005
#217: Liturgy <b>and</b> #218: Sacraments	THEO N006
#216: Discipleship and Morality	THEO N007
#204: Survey of the Old Testament	SCRPT N004
#205: Survey of the New Testament	SCRPT N113
#221: Catechesis—Theory and Practice	RELED N042

## Online Independent Study Course Requirements

- View and/or listen to lesson lectures
- Complete 2 or 3 graded assignments (open book)
- Complete 1-page reflection paper
- Complete course within 2 months

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## CDU 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

Lay Ministry Formation Funds are available for courses taken toward Level 2 certification.

Please note that any LMFF application must be received 30 days prior to beginning any course. Applications for courses already started or completed will not be considered.