



ST ANDREW'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (SATC)

COURSE NAME: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION I

COURSE CODE: CE100 (1)

COURSE CREDIT: 1

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will assist the student to comprehend the meaning of Christian Education and to accept the scope for changes in the lives of the people who are taught as well as those who teach the subject. This course will explore methods and strategies to impart the lessons of the Bible and other resources through the areas of Christian Education.

The course in Christian Education will help the students to comprehend and accept that Christian Education is at the heart of the life of the church. They must see and feel the course as part of the educational process of the Spirit of God. They must grasp that the Spirit of God encounters people of all ages nurturing them in His love through loving, teaching, and obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ.

AIM:

- To provide a quality Biblically-based educational foundation.
- To give a proper understanding of what Christian Education is meant to be through the Bible and other resources.
- To enable students to provide leadership in Christian Education in the local church, with various age groups.
- To acquaint students with the church's Teaching Ministry .

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students will be able to:

- Teach a class in Sunday school/ Youth ministry/ Adult education in the church.
- Develop an administrative structure for the local Sunday school.
- Develop and implement training programmes for Sunday school teachers.

COURSE CONTENT:

The course will be divided into four (4) general parts namely:

Part I:

- The Basic Foundations of Christian Education.
- The Environment of Christian Education.

Part II:

- The Tasks of Christian Educators.
- The Team in Christian Education.

The first class sessions will be centered on learning the "basics:"

- Introduction to resources available to Christian Educators,
- Overview of the Biblical story, stages of cognitive and faith development, and worship.
 - A definition of Christian Education and working out new definitions according to their context.



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- Biblical History: The Old Testament Teachings and the New Testament Teachings of the Faith in God.
- Some of the Faith Communities/ Creeds/Worship/Music – The Torah, Early Church gathering in homes and other places, Church Fathers and Apostles Creed/Psalms.
- Introduction to Medieval Church and Reformation.
- The Environment of Christian Education.

COURSE TEXTS:

Taylor, M. J. (Ed.). (1966). *An introduction to Christian education*. Nashville: Abington.
The Bible – Revised Standard Version or New Revised Standard Version.

Additional Readings:

De Jong, N. (1989). *Education in the truth*. Lasing, Illinois: Redeemer Books.

Powers, B. P. (1996). *Christian education handbook*. Nashville: B&R Publishing.

Richards, L. O. (1983). *A theology of children's ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI.: Zandervan Publishing.

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES:

Lectures

Class discussions

Student presentations

COURSE ASSESSMENT:

Attendance & Class Participation	10%
Coursework assignments	40%
Final Exam (written)	50%
TOTAL	100%

Attention will be given to the observance of behavioural pattern and good attitudes to the subject and a good grasp of understanding of the subject as shown in responses both in class as well as in examination. Students must display leadership skills and knowledge of the Bible as displayed in class and project paper. Coursework assignments will include readings, essays, reflection papers and group projects.