

CHURCH SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

Fulfilling the requirements of Church Educator Certification allows a person to serve in the area of Christian Education on any level of the church and in congregations.

Certification Status

A certificate is issued by the Christian Education Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to those who fulfill all the standards of certification for Church Educators. The three levels of certification are Church School Teacher, Church School Superintendent, and Christian Education Director.

Certification is valid for as long as the individual continues to fulfill the requirements of certification and re-certification (per) Quadrinium.

Requirements for Church School Teacher Certification

A total of ten (10) courses are required for certification. Certification courses cover the historical and theological Foundations of Christian Education with attention to ways people develop and learn and how teaching takes place in the church.

Ten (10) course requirements

- Books of the Bible
- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Teaching I
- Teaching II (Part 1 & 2)
- One (1) Bible Elective
- Four (4) Free Electives

Requirements for Church School Superintendent Certification

A total of fifteen (15) courses are required for certification. Certification courses cover the role of the educator in ministry through Church School Administration in the local church.

Courses are designed to include an understanding of Church School administration, curriculum, and teacher development including all teacher certification courses and five (5) additional courses:

- Church School Administration
- Church Structure
- Educational Structure
- Teacher Selection, Placement and Evaluation
- One (1) Bible Elective

Requirements for Christian Education Director Certification

A total of twenty (20) courses are required for certification. Certification courses cover the

biblical and theological Foundations of Christian Education including Christian education certification, teacher and superintendent courses and five (5) additional courses.

Courses are designed to include an understanding of the AME Church, its educational structure, curriculum, and resources.

Requirement for Re-Certification

To remain valid, certification must be renewed within a four year period before the General Conference. To remain certified in the AME Church, the person certified is expected to actively participate in the program of Christian Education in the AME Church.

Four (4) Courses Requirement

- Lesson Planning or Lesson Presentation
- (1) Bible Elective
- (1) Free Elective

- If a student has taken Lesson Planning and Lesson Presentation within a five (5) year period, a Bible course may be substituted.

For additional information, consult the reference document, *Church School & Christian Education Certification for Directors, Superintendents and Teachers* by Kenneth H. Hill.