



Christian Religious Practitioner NQF level 2

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About the Occupational Certificate: Christian Religious Practitioner

In today's diverse world, the need for inclusive ministry is crucial. The Occupational Certificate: Christian Religious Practitioner at CLA provides a professional pathway for aspiring spiritual leaders, regardless of literacy levels. This program equips participants with essential skills and theological knowledge to engage effectively with diverse communities, fostering an inclusive environment where individuals from all backgrounds can contribute meaningfully to their congregations and society.

The Christian Religious Practitioner qualification is designed to bridge the gap for spiritual leaders in rural and urban settings with limited literacy. It provides essential training without compromising the competencies required for effective Christian ministry. This program focuses on all aspects of Christian Ministry at a level accessible to individuals with little formal schooling.

Preparing Competent and Compassionate Ministry Leaders

The Occupational Certificate: Christian Religious Practitioner is crafted to equip learners to operate effectively within a specific congregation/faith community. Here's an overview:

Purpose of the Qualification

The program aims to prepare learners to operate as Christian Religious Practitioners who play a vital role in fostering spiritual formation, fellowship, and mutual care within their congregation/faith community. The qualified practitioner contributes to the development of a Christian lifestyle, provides leadership, ensures organizational well-being, and facilitates community responses to broader societal needs.

Program Highlights

Qualified learners will have the capacity to:

- Share the gospel contextually and to specific audiences.

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- Build caring relationships and respond to both spiritual and physical needs within the faith community.
- Provide spiritual leadership and develop leaders within the faith community.
- Oversee the day-to-day running of ministries and administrative processes.

Accessible Online Learning

The program is offered online, providing learners with the flexibility to study from anywhere. Fully trained and experienced Facilitators/Assessors guide the learning process, ensuring a supportive environment.

Pathway to Further Studies

Upon completion, graduates are well-prepared to continue their studies in a Level 5 program. The program is conducted in English, ensuring broad accessibility.

Qualification Outline

The curriculum is organized into three components: **Knowledge Modules (KM)**, **Practical Modules (PM)**, and **Workplace Modules (WM)**. Each component is meticulously designed to enhance professional competencies, ensuring that participants not only acquire theoretical insights but also develop practical abilities critical for success in the workplace. The integration of work experience further solidifies this qualification's commitment to fostering a robust professional identity, enabling candidates to navigate the complexities of their industry with confidence and expertise.

Curriculum Design

The Occupational Certificate curriculum combines theory and practical application, equipping participants with leadership skills for diverse spiritual contexts. It emphasizes inclusivity, enabling participants to engage with various beliefs and cultures, thereby enhancing ministry and promoting social justice in spiritual leadership.

This streamlined process not only facilitates immediate engagement with the course materials but also allows for a focused and efficient educational journey tailored to each student's pace and availability.

The program's self-paced courses are delivered through an advanced Learning Management System (LMS) or eLearning platform, designed to offer an engaging and interactive learning experience. The Christian Leadership Academy, specializing in eLearning, effectively utilizes digital technologies to present educational content beyond traditional classroom boundaries. Instructional methods include a variety of multimedia such as video and audio resources, discussion boards for collaborative learning, PDF articles for in-depth study, as well as practical exercises and reflection papers to ensure comprehensive understanding and application. This robust and multifaceted approach caters to different learning styles, empowering students to absorb and apply knowledge in a manner that best suits their personal and professional development as future chaplains.

Structured Curriculum

The program is structured, comprising 156 credits, which can be completed in 12 to 18 months.

Module 1 - Bible and Bible Interpretation					
Code	Module	Description	Level	Credits	
263601004-KM-01	KM	Bible and Bible Interpretation	2	20	
263601004-PM-01	PM	Share the gospel in a specific context and to a specific audience	2	13	
263601004-WM-01	WM	Prepare and conduct worship services,	2	12	
Module 2 - Basic Christian Concepts					
263601004-KM-02	KM	Basic Christian Concepts	1	15	
263601004-PM-02	PM	Build caring relationships in the faith community and respond to the spiritual and physical needs of members	1	6	
263601004-WM-02	WM	Plan and conduct teachings, and develop ministry activities, to enhance the quality of fellowship and mutual care	1	12	
Module 3 - Worship Services and Preaching					
263601004-KM-03	KM	Worship Services and Preaching	1	4	
263601004-PM-03	PM	Apply Christian leadership and develop leaders in a faith community	2	6	
263601004-WM-03	WM	Plan and conduct teachings, and develop ministry activities, to enhance the quality of fellowship and mutual care,	1	12	
Module 4 - Basic Christian Pastoral Care					
263601004-KM-04	KM	Basic Christian Pastoral Care	3	8	
263601004-PM-04	PM	Arrange and oversee the day to day running of ministries and of the administrative and accountability processes in the faith community	2	6	
263601004-WM-04	WM	Observe the leadership of a faith community on how they lead the community	1	12	
Module 5 - Church leadership, Administration & Accountability					
263601004-KM-05	KM	Church leadership, Administration & Accountability	2	7	
263601004-PM-05	PM	Help people in the faith community to share the gospel, support people in need and speak out for what is right and fair in the wider society	1	6	
263601004-WM-05	WM	Participate in an outreach or community development project in a community	1	12	
Module 6 - The role of the church (Christianity) in the world,					
263601004-KM-06	KM	The role of the church (Christianity) in the world,	1	5	
Total Credits					156
EISA Exam Registration					

Assessment and moderation

In order to be certified for the qualification, each candidate must complete the following levels and modes of assessment:

Module assessment

Assessments that measure “how much” you have learned after completing a module (summative testing) Each module is accompanied by a workbook. The learners must attempt and complete all the assignments in the workbook. After finishing all the assignments, they must be returned to CLA for grading.

Practical assignments

Workbook assignments with practical tasks. The learner will have to perform a practical task, applying what has been learnt in a particular learning guide. You can't achieve the qualification without completing the practical assignments. In all our courses and programs, each module is accompanied by a workbook that serves as an assessment tool. In the workbook there are assignments, and the learner must complete all these assignments. Each learner must give the CLA office the name of the tutor or leader who will play a mentorship role and sign off on each and every written assignment done. All the workbooks must be sent to the CLA office for grading and serves as a portfolio of evidence. However, learning groups can also agree to do the assessment together. The tutor or facilitator will have to provide guidance in such cases and guard against learners copying each other's work

Final QCTO exam

The final QCTO exam measures “what” you have learned after completing the course (External Integrated Summative Assessment, or EISA). To receive the certificate for the qualification all students must write the final exam (EISA), which is set by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO).

Fee Structure

Upon acceptance into the program, students are required to make payment for each module they intend to register for, thereby confirming their place in the program.

Good news for students! Our pay-per-module structure makes it easy to manage your finances. With clear and transparent transactions, you'll always know exactly how much you're paying and what you're getting. No more confusing fees or unexpected costs. Stay on top of your expenses and focus on what matters most - your studies!

Registration Fee - R 750.00 (*once-off*)

Payment in full - R 9450.00

Fee per module - R 1575.00

Final Exam (EISA) Fee: R1000.00 (*Payable prior to exam registration*)

Reactivation fee R500 (Non-refundable) Note: The student will need to pay a reactivation fee; if the student is inactive for more than 6 months or does not register for any modules for more than 6 months period.

Accreditation & Affiliation

Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)

The Occupational Certificate: Christian Religious Practitioner (NQF Level 2) is accredited by QCTO and registered on the National Qualification Framework of South Africa by SAQA. The program is developed under the supervision of the South African government, ensuring alignment with national standards. Successful learners undergo a final National Exam for qualification.

Partnership for Inclusivity

CLA has partnered with NBI to bring you affordable, accredited, and online Occupational Qualifications. These qualifications empower students with both theoretical and practical knowledge, filling the crucial training gap for practical and work-based learning that traditional institutions may not address. This collaboration underscores both institutions' commitment to fostering excellence in leadership education and professional development.

Association of Christian Religious Practitioners (ACRP)

We have a formal written agreement with the Association of Christian Religious Practitioners (ACRP), a professional body for church leaders and other Christian ministry leaders and practitioners. Upon completing the Christian Religious Practitioner Certificate, prospective candidates may register for professional designation with ACRP.

The levels of registration and designation range from:

Level 1: Religious practitioner

Level 2: Advanced Religious practitioner

Level 3: Religious professional

Level 4: Religious specialist

ACRP is recognized by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) in terms of Section 13 of the National Qualification Framework Act (Act No. 67 of 2008) as a professional body, with a registration number of PB0000110.

We are proud to have a formal written agreement with ACRP, ensuring that our courses meet the high standards required for professional recognition in the industry and encourage our students to take advantage of this opportunity to advance their careers and professionalism in the field. (We will assist with the registration process)