

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

North American Division Children's Ministries has partnered with Griggs University, the higher education division of Home Study International, to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Basic Children's Ministry Certification seminars taught at NAD training conventions.

Each completed track is worth 1.5 CEUs; in order to apply for CEUs, you must

- ❖ Register as a convention participant or presenter.
- ❖ Complete all of the courses in one track. You may keep your course record and complete the tracks at future convention(s). A \$15 charge will be applied by Griggs University for each CEU application.
- ❖ Print your name on the class roster for each breakout seminar you attend. (Please plan on staying for the duration of each seminar.)
- ❖ Send a completed application, with \$15 check, to Griggs University. To obtain the application form, call 301-680-6425.

Course Record Keeping

Participants at all levels of certification keep their own records. They record the month and year on the blank beside the course title below and get the initials of the presenter.

When all components are completed and signed, the participant turns the record in to the conference director and receives a certificate of completion from the North American Division.

Track I

- _____ 1. Understanding Children
- _____ 2. Learning Styles & the Learning Cycle
- _____ 3. Modes of Learning
- _____ 4. Bible Learning Activities
- _____ 5. Temperaments
- _____ 6. Teaching GraceLink
- _____ 7. Teaching Children to Think
- _____ 8. Teaching from Nature
- _____ 9. Memorization without Tears
- _____ 10. Crafts that Teach

Track II

- _____ 1. Understanding Grace
- _____ 2. Faith Development & the Life Stages
- _____ 3. Children with Special Needs
- _____ 4. Protecting Children from Abuse (Screening Volunteers)
- _____ 5. Multiple Intelligences
- _____ 6. Drama Ministries (and/or Puppets at Church)
- _____ 7. Interactive Storytelling
- _____ 8. Positive Class Discipline (Managing a Class with Grace)
- _____ 9. Getting Children to Sing
- _____ 10. Teaching Children to Pray

Field Practicum

(Supervised experience)

Two years of previous experience as a children's ministry teacher or one quarter (13 weeks) teaching a children's class under the supervision of the pastor or children's coordinator.

(supervisor's signature & date)

The Commission

Jesus' words, "Feed my lambs" (John 21:15), are a commission for all His followers. Those who take their commission seriously and teach children at church are working hand-in-hand with God. Of them, Ellen White says, "It is a noble thing to teach; it is a blessed thing to learn" (*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 17).

The apostle Paul may have been thinking of spiritual educators when he admonished Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who need not be ashamed." (2 Timothy 2:15)

With this in mind, the North American Division has developed a program of children's ministry certification to help teachers and leaders become more effective and competent in their work for God.

What is Certification?

Certification is recognition given upon completion of a series of workshops, seminars, personal study, and practical experience. This study program has been designed to help a person become knowledgeable about the Word of God, the needs of children, and the most effective training methods. Those who continue on with the certification process can earn the right to help train others. Certification is earned at three levels—basic, advanced, and instructor.



COURSE RECORD

Participant's Name (please print)

Conference

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Children's Ministries CERTIFICATION

Basic Level