



## Certified Christian Educators in the PC(USA) . . .

- Are members of the PC(USA)
- Are employed in educational ministry in a PC(USA) congregation, governing body or agency or have confirmed volunteer status of at least ten (10) hours/week of volunteer service and have completed one year full-time (or its equivalent) work experience
- Have completed a bachelor's degree (or master's degree) or Christian Education Associate level
- Have requested and received an application and information for certification along with a listing of Certification Advisors appointed by the presbytery or a neighboring presbytery and have asked one of these Advisors to serve as the resource and support system as they go through the process
- Have completed the application, including current employment/service, work experience, and previous coursework with attached transcripts
- Have completed the required course credits (3 credits or 30 contact hours) in Biblical Interpretation, Reformed Theology, Religious Education Theory and Practice, Human Growth and Faith Development, Worship and Sacraments
- Have completed the required course credits (1.5 credits or 15 contact hours) in Presbyterian Polity and Presbyterian Program and Mission
- Have completed the certification exam process with a Reference Group containing colleagues, staff, and the Certification Advisor

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## Christian Education Associates in the PC(USA) . . .

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- Have completed the application, including current employment/service, work experience, and previous coursework
- Have completed all four courses of Opening Doors to Discipleship, working alongside the Certification Advisor
- Have read six selected books and written reflection papers on each, responding to questions and submitted them for reading and approval by the Educator Certification Committee



*Please Note: This is a brief summary of the steps of the PC(USA) Educator Certification Process. Additional information is included in the application packet and detailed information is a part of the Educator Certification Handbook available at [pcusa.org/christianeducators](http://pcusa.org/christianeducators).*