

Certified Spiritual Educator

Credentialing Program



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Certified Spiritual Educator (CSE)

PURPOSE

The CSE is a spiritual course of study and certification that provides a consistent foundational base of knowledge and skills necessary for effectual and ethical excellence in Unity youth and family classroom ministry.

This program is recommended for individuals who serve Unity youth as volunteer nursery and preschool helpers, children's teachers, teen leaders, and youth ministry staff. It can be taken as a separate program or as part of the Youth and Family focus area of the Licensed Unity Teacher Program.

BENEFITS

Have you walked into a classroom and wondered if the children knew more than you? Do you wish you knew more about the Bible or had a deeper understanding of Unity teachings? Have you wondered how to put together a lesson that engages the class? Have you thought that there had to be a better way to handle behavior in the classroom? Do you desire that your Unity youth have the best possible ministry? Are you having fun? Engaging in this course of study will help you to build confidence and assure you are creating a spiritual environment in which children and teens can thrive. You will also be embarking on a spiritual journey of self-discovery. The benefits are endless!

COURSE CONTENT

When certified, an individual will have:

- Working knowledge of Unity principles and the twelve powers
- Familiarity with the Bible structurally, historically and metaphysically
- Working knowledge of metaphysics including terms, definitions and age-appropriate sequence
- Foundation in prayer
- Ability to assess and create an environment for spiritual discovery that is safe, age-appropriate, supportive and encouraging
- Awareness and application of risk management components
- Experience creating youth ministry lessons for various ages.

REQUIREMENTS

1. **Complete the following online courses for Youth Ministry Training.** They are offered each year through Unity Worldwide Ministries.
 - **Leading & Guiding a YFM Program**
 - **Help us Soar: Teen Ministry in Action**

2. **Complete the following self-directed Youth Ministry MicroLearnings.**
<https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/yfm-mini-trainings>
 - Creating a Healthy Brain-Based Learning Environment
 - The Sunday Morning Experience
 - Using Multiple Intelligence to Engage Learners

3. **Complete the following 10 classes (100 hours) of the Spiritual Development Program (SEE) for credit.** Please note: SEE courses changed September 1, 2008, 2017. If you received credit for any previous classes within the last ten years, please contact the CSE coordinator at for Unity Worldwide Ministries at dvenzera@unity.org to learn if the credits will count towards certification.

SCS 100	Overview: Hebrew Scriptures	
SCS 110	Overview: Christian Scriptures	
SCS 120	Jesus' Teachings	
SPD 100	Unity Prayer	
SPD 105	Meditation Practices	
HTS 125	Twelve Powers	
HTS 100	Foundations of Unity	
HTS 140	History of New Thought & Unity	
Complete 2 of the 4 Metaphysics Courses		
HTS 105	Metaphysics 1	HTS 115 Metaphysics 3
HTS 110	Metaphysics 2	HTS 120 Metaphysics 4

These courses can be taught by your local minister or licensed Unity teacher, or can be taken online through Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute. Talk with your minister or licensed teacher about what classes they may be able to provide. For more information about classes offered through Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute, go to www.unityworldwideministries.org/uwsi.

4. **Have two years teaching experience in Unity youth ministry.**
 By two years, it means that you have consistently taught, led, co-facilitated or sponsored a children's or teen class/group for at least two consecutive years.

5. **Submit recommendations from your center's minister, the youth director or ministry board member and one reference of your choice.** A reference form is provided in the enrollment packet.

6. **In keeping with our commitment to support safe environments for children and teens:** A background check is required of all applicants. This can be a copy of a background check done by your church or you can submit a form (provided by Unity Worldwide Ministries) to have a background check completed through UWM for a fee. An information sheet is provided upon enrollment.

7. **Observation and evaluation during the teaching of a children's or teen ministry class:** When you have completed requirements 1-5, contact the CSE coordinator at Unity Worldwide Ministries for an assessment application. The assessment entails arranging for an evaluator to assess your skill and knowledge base at an agreed-upon location (usually your home church or theirs) to observe you teaching a youth ministry class. For more information, contact the Youth & Family Ministry coordinator for Unity Worldwide Ministries at dvenzera@unity.org.

GETTING STARTED

To begin the CSE program, contact the Youth & Family Ministry coordinator at Unity Worldwide Ministries and ask for an application form. You can also go to <http://www.unityworldwideministries.org/training-and-credentialing-0> and download the application form. There is no application fee.

When the application is approved, a packet of information will be e-mailed to you with guidelines on how to complete the requirements and suggestions on how to schedule your course of study.

- Requirement 1 trainings are offered online through Unity Worldwide Ministries and are open to anyone who wishes to attend, whether in the CSE program or not.
- Requirement 2 are posted on the Unity Worldwide Ministries website and can be completed at your convenience.
- Requirement 3 can be completed in your home church or through Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute.
- Requirements 4-6 can all be completed in your local Unity ministry.
- Requirement 7 can be completed either in your home church or at another location.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

In Unity we recognize that we are life-long learners. Therefore, it is required that a certified spiritual educator maintain his/her credential by submitting evidence of continuing education every two years. This helps keep you connected with the ever-evolving practices in youth and family ministry and network with youth and family workers.

Suggested avenues include:

- Professional training/Unity conferences
- Continued attendance at regional training and events
- Study of Truth principles relating to children/teens/intergenerational ministry
- Self-discovery/improvement classes
- Portfolio (documented evidence of growth; for example courses developed, lessons, etc.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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