

OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE: RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL (CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS PRACTITIONER)

SAQA ID: 101997 - NQF LEVEL 02 - MINIMUM CREDITS 156

PURPOSE AND RATIONALE OF THE QUALIFICATION

Purpose:

The purpose of this Qualification is to recognise those who have the required competence to serve as lay and ordained leaders in Christian communities or community organisations and society through enabling them to obtain a nationally registered and recognised Qualification.

A further purpose of this Qualification is to produce life-long theological learners who are equipped to raise and debate current issues in an African context. This purpose seeks to transform persons, churches and society dealing with power issues such as gender, social economic disparity, disability, and the environment from a Christian perspective.

People who achieve this Qualification can:

- Apply Christian sources in context
- Apply Christian Theology and Ethics personally and in community
- Practise ministries in the church
- Practise Christian ministry in the wider community

In addition, people who have achieved this Qualification can perform in all the exit level outcomes.

Rationale:

Majority of candidates for this Qualification are likely to be working in churches and other Christian Ministry ventures. The Qualification will give them the opportunity to integrate knowledge of the Christian faith with essential skills to minister and lead Christian communities, as well as develop the values of such leadership.

Learners who wish to gain an understanding of the Christian faith and those who wish to develop their own faith will also benefit from this Qualification.

Career & Job Opportunities

There are many religious ministers in rural areas, and often even in urban settings, with low literacy ability, yet they function as ministers and as leaders of their faith communities. A need to assist these leaders by means of a qualification that will provide them with the competencies to minister has been expressed for many years. The Christian Religious Practitioner (Level 2) qualification aims at fulfilling this need. It will provide appropriate training to leaders who do not have the literacy ability to access any other qualification, without trivialising the competencies required to effectively function as Christian Religious Ministers. The qualification focuses on all the aspects of Christian Ministry, but at a level that will make access possible for people with no or little schooling or literacy. Church representatives involved in the development of the qualification foresee that the qualification will ultimately be used as a baseline for preparing ministry leaders to be formally recognised as ministers or spiritual leaders in their churches.

Recognition of Prior Learning

This Qualification can be achieved wholly or in part through recognition of prior learning.

Evidence can be presented in a variety of forms, including:

- Previous local or international Qualifications
- Reports
- Testimonials mentioning functions performed
- Work records
- Portfolios
- Videos of practice and
- Performance records

Duration

The duration of study for this professional qualification is **12 Months**.

Pricing

Send an email to info@amilaktraining.co.za for a quotation.

Student Enrolment Process

Once a student has signed up, there is a step-by-step guide to ensure that the student is enrolled and can commence with their studies

- **Step 1:** Complete Amilak Training Center Application form
- **Step 2:** Submit Application form with required supporting documentation (CV, highest school, ID) to Amilak Training Center
- **Step 3:** Amilak Training Center conducts admission assessments

- **Step 4:** Notification of admission and registration procedures commence
- **Step 5:** Orientation workshop
- **Step 6:** Journey commences to obtaining your qualification in: **OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE: RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL (CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS PRACTITIONER)**

Programme outline

Knowledge Modules:

Total number of Credits for Knowledge Modules: 59 Credits.

ID	MODULE TITLE	CREDITS
263601004-KM-01	Bible and Bible Interpretation	20
263601004-KM-02	Basic Christian Concepts	15
263601004-KM-03	Worship Services and Preaching	4
263601004-KM-04	Basic Christian Pastoral Care	8
263601004-KM-05	Church leadership, Administration and Accountability	7
263601004-KM-06	The role of the church (Christianity) in the world	5

Practical Skill Modules:

Total number of Credits for Practical Skill Modules: 37 Credits

ID	MODULE TITLE	CREDITS
263601004-PM-01	Share the gospel in a specific context and to a specific audience	13
263601004-PM-02	Build caring relationships in the faith community and respond to the spiritual and physical needs of members	6
263601004-PM-03	Apply Christian leadership and develop leaders in a faith community	6
263601004-PM-04	Arrange and oversee the day to day running of ministries and of the administrative and accountability processes in the faith community	6
263601004-PM-05	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	6

Work Experience Modules:

Total number of Credits for Work Experience Modules: 60 Credits

ID	MODULE TITLE	CREDITS
263601004-WM-01	Prepare and conduct worship services	12
263601004-WM-02	Plan and conduct teachings, and develop ministry activities, to enhance the quality of fellowship and mutual care	12
263601004-WM-03	Develop life skills and Christian living	12
263601004-WM-04	Observe the leadership of a faith community on how they lead the community	12
263601004-WM-05	Participate in an outreach or community development project in a community	12

International Comparability

This Qualification and the component unit standards have been compared with similar Qualifications from the following country:

- New Zealand

The Qualification that compares most directly is the New Zealand Qualification Authority's National Certificate in Christian Ministries (Level 2). Although this Qualification requires only 60 credits at Level 2, it has a similar Purpose Statement. The Qualification has a similar scope, although the number of credits required is smaller. As with the Certificate (NQF Level 2) in Theology and Ministry, it also allows credits from Humanities and other Fields to be incorporated.

Examples of Unit Standards show that the approach is similar, with the difference that the South African Unit Standards are generally more contextual.

There is also a New Zealand National Certificate in Christian Studies (Level 2), which serves the same broad Purpose, although it requires a minimum of only 40 credits at Level 2. This Qualification has quite similar and corresponding elements as the 'biblical and theological' components of the Certificate (NQF Level 2) Th Min, the latter, of course, also having components in the Christian Ministries and Community Ministries areas.

Course material & additional fees

Leaners must make provision for additional items such as textbooks, stationery, re-write examinations.

Language Policy

All classes and assessments are conducted in English. Learners need to be able to understand spoken English and complete their assessments in English.

Disclaimer

Amilak Training Center reserves the right to change the programme content due to changes in the regulatory environment, market requirements and other reasons. All possible measures will be taken to minimize inconvenience to students.

*I,..... (student name),
hereby acknowledge that I understand the information stated in this factsheet and fully comprehend the
specifics explained above pertaining to this qualification.*

Signature of Learners: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

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Name of Sales Consultant: _____