

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. Attend Unity National Youth Ministry Training

- Exploration of current practices in youth and family ministry
- Information on the stages of human development & brain development
- Exploring the *Living Curriculum* philosophy of education
- Sacred Safety
- Multigenerational Ministry

- Creation of lesson plans for various age groups
- Written and/or oral assessments

If possible, complete this requirement first as it provides an integrated study of child development, classroom management, curricula, and how to create an environment of spiritual self-discovery for children and teens. You can, however, attend it any anytime during the CSE program of study. Some wait until they have completed the required SEE courses.

2. **Complete the following 10 classes (100 hours) of the Spiritual Development Program (SEE) for credit.** Please note: SEE courses changed September 1, 2008. 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@gmail.com to learn if the credits will count towards certification.

BI250	Overview: Hebrew Scriptures
BI251	Overview: Christian Scriptures
BI265	Jesus' Teachings
PR250	Unity Prayer
PR801	Meditation Practices
MS252	Metaphysics 2
MS253	Metaphysics 3
MS801	Twelve Powers
MS802	Lessons in Truth
HI251	Development of the Unity Movement

These courses can be taught by your local minister or licensed Unity teacher, or can be taken through Unity Institute online or on campus during the Spiritual Development Program (A and B weeks) at Unity Village, Missouri. Talk with your minister or licensed teacher about what classes they may be able to provide. For more information about classes offered through Unity Institute at Unity Village, go to www.unityinstitute.org.

3. **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.
4. **Submit recommendations from your center's minister, the regional consultant and two references of your choice** (one must be from the youth and family ministry director, if that applies to your situation). A reference form is provided in the enrollment packet.
5. **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.

6. 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 CSE coordinator for Unity Worldwide Ministries at dvenzera@gmail.com.

GETTING STARTED

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

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

- Requirement 1 is offered at Unity Worldwide Ministries' home office in Lee's Summit, Mo and is open to anyone who wishes to attend, whether in the CSE program or not.
- Requirement 2 can be completed in your home church, regional churches or through Unity Institute at Unity Village.
- Requirements 3-5 can all be completed in your local Unity ministry.
- Requirement 6 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

Please contact the CSE coordinator for Unity Worldwide Ministries, dvenzera@gmail.com.

Certified Spiritual Educator Program Summary



Your Local Unity Church

- Application
- Unity National Youth Ministry Training

- 2 years experience in Unity
- 10 Classes of SEE
- Recommendation letters
- Background check
- Assessment

Candidate

- Must be working in youth and family ministry and
- Must be at least 25 years of age



Regional Level

South Central, Northwest, Great Lakes, Southwest, West Central, Eastern, Southeastern, Canada,

Option:

- Can take 10 Spiritual Development Program classes online or at Unity Village

- 2 training events
- Recommendation
- Assessment



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