

Religious Education and Theory and Practice

January 6 - February 16, 2020

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Course Description:

This course seeks to engage participants in investigation of the theoretical foundations and current practices of educational ministry. Participants will explore theories and practices that shape and support educational ministry, articulate a personal religious education theory and engage in curriculum design and evaluation. This course prepares educators for church leadership in the area of Religious Education Theory and Practice and fulfills the requirements for coursework in this area for PCUSA educator certification. Purposes of this course Students will: 1. investigate definitions and approaches to religious education. 2. become familiar with the components of religious education theory. 3. engage in reading and reflection on current literature in religious education theory and practice. 4. identify and critically assess a personal theory of religious education. 5. design and evaluate educational events that demonstrate understanding of theoretical foundations and best practices in educational ministry.

Course Schedule:

This hybrid course involves an online component

Online Initial Class Meeting (via Zoom) January 6, 2020

- A complete syllabus is available with dates and assignments on apcenet.org.
- Class Sessions will be held at the APCE Annual Event Gathering (Little Rock) January 27-29, 2020
- Final Online Class Meeting (via Zoom) February 16, 2020

Class sessions will be a combination of lecture, discussion, and small group integration exercises. Three assignments will be completed prior to arrival, with a final project due after the conclusion of the meeting time in Little Rock.

Certification course students are required to participate in all aspects of each course. Successful course completion will include engagement in 30 contact hours of coursework, including online assignments given in hybrid courses.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Course Registration cost: \$225 Please note that this does not include housing or the cost of the APCE Annual Event Registration



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Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Ph.D.

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