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CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (C.C.S.)

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CCS-034 RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

COURSE OUTLINE

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The study of RCIA will provide participants with an understanding of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, including a comprehensive examination of the periods, the steps and the celebrations of each rite.

**Course Structure and Highlights**

**Lesson 1: Introduction**

**Lesson 2: Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate**

**Lesson 3: First Step: Acceptance into the Order Of Catechumens**

**Lesson 4: Period of the Catechumenate**

**Lesson 5: Second Step: Election or Enrollment of Names**

**Lesson 6: Period of Purification and Enlightenment**

**Lesson 7: Third Step: Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation**

**Lesson 8: Period of PostBaptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy**

**Lesson 9: Rites for Particular Circumstances**

**Lesson 10: Appendices**

**Textbooks**

[Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, CCCB. Ottawa, Canada.](#)

**References**

[Catechism of the Catholic Church.](#)

[The Holy Bible.](#)

**Assessment**

RCIA consists of ten lessons and ten assignments, as well as weekly discussions; with each assignment weighted at 10% (percent) of the total grade. Completion of the entire course is determined by either a pass or fail.

### Technical Skills and Equipment Requirements

1. You must have Internet access. A high-speed connection, either ADSL or cable, is recommended.
2. You should know how to use a web browser to navigate the web to locate educational resources and download files.
3. You will need the files management skills necessary to create directories, to save files and to retrieve files.