

# Higher Certificate

The Higher Certificate in Theology is a registered programme. It is a one-year FTE (Full Time Equivalent) programme at level 5 on the HEQF. This means that a distance-learning student will take one, two, or three years to complete it. Unlike the short-course Certificate of Competence, being a registered programme means that its credits are transferable.

Successful completion of the H.Cert.Th gives admission to the second year of the Dip.Th. It is possible for students currently on the Certificate of Competence in Theology and the Diploma in Theology and Ministry to transfer to the new Higher Certificate in Theology - under certain conditions. Please refer to the website or call the College.

## Transferring to the HC.Th

Current students might qualify to transfer to the Higher Certificate in Theology. Please read the notes below and refer to the table inside the brochure. Yearbooks have more detailed information explaining this option.

### Certificate of Competence Students:

Only if you had a Std 10 or National Senior Certificate when you started this programme are you eligible to transfer. For previous work to qualify on the new qualification, you need to have passed the relevant course, and attained a mark that is equal to or higher than the "cut off" mark.

A maximum of 5 courses can be considered. Note that there is no equivalent Certificate of Competence course for the Higher Certificate course 45130.

### Diploma in Theology & Ministry students:

For previous work to qualify on the new qualification, you need to have passed the relevant Diploma course. You may only transfer work up to the value of 60 credits. Note that some Diploma courses (such as 6002) give credit to two Higher Certificate courses - you may select either, or both.

## fees

The fees for the next academic year are published from 01 October. They are available on the College web site ([www.tee.co.za](http://www.tee.co.za)), are printed in the relevant yearbook, and can be e-mailed, posted, or faxed to you.

# TEE College

TEEC is a distance learning college which provides theological education for Christians involved in lay and ordained ministries in the major denominations. Students from all denominations are welcome to study with us. Studying by extension enables you to study at home and remain in your own local church and community context.

Courses are provided at Award, Certificate of Competence, Higher Certificate, Diploma and Degree levels. Leaflets for the other programmes of study are available from TEEC. All of our courses are in line with the South African Government's recommendations regarding Outcomes Based Education and Training.

## studying for ministry

If your TEEC studies are part of your training for ministry in your church, then please consult your denominational authorities for suggestions, recommendations or requirements regarding your study path. Also speak to your local minister about your studies as some of the courses will require you to do practical work in your local context.

## how to register

A completed College Registration Form together with payment must be submitted between 01 November and 20 February. Late registrations are not accepted. A significant discount is offered for registrations before 31 December and a lesser discount for registrations before 15 January. This will also ensure the early arrival of your study materials, and give you extra time for your first assignments.

**Registrations open:** 1 November.

**Closing date:** 20 February.

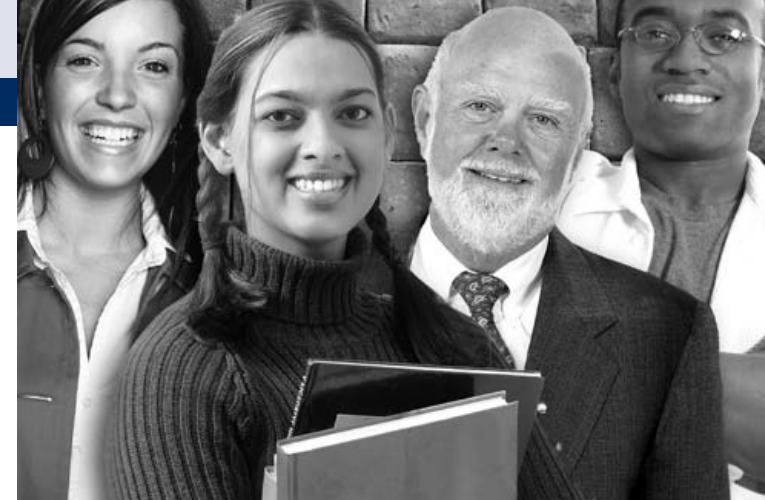
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## HIGHER CERTIFICATE in Theology Brochure

Registration opens on 1 November  
No registrations will be accepted after 20 February



## Theological Education by Extension College

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To obtain the Higher Certificate in Theology, a student will complete NINE courses - made up of SEVEN compulsory courses, and TWO elective courses.

The Fundamental Compulsory Course (Investigating our Christian World) must be taken in the first year of study. Additionally, the following three Compulsory courses must be completed (or started) before doing any of the elective courses: Introduction to the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament, and Introduction to Theology.

## COURSE OUTLINES

### 45130: Investigating our Christian World: Introduction to Church History

(Compulsory Course 24 Credits)

This course traces the history of Christianity from the early church to the modern era, highlighting the main events and how they impact on the modern Church. It combines study skills and history texts and uses them to help students to think critically and creatively and reflect theologically as well as developing writing skills and organizing their studies.

### 45251: Introduction to Spirituality:

(Compulsory Course 12 Credits)

This course looks at a number of different forms of prayer in the light of Christ's prayer life. It describes a rule of life and various spiritual disciplines. It looks at the work and gifts of the Holy Spirit as well as grace and the role of the sacraments. It incorporates self growth and understanding in the light of faith. It includes both inward and outward spiritual expressions with an emphasis on the love of God.

### 45111: Introduction to the Old Testament:

(Compulsory Course 12 Credits)

This course looks at how the Bible came to be written and put together. It covers the historical and social background to the Old Testament. It looks at the purpose of the biblical writers. It gives an overview of the contents of the Old Testament with a focus on the history, prophets and writings. It explains exegesis and the value of the Old Testament for today.

### 45121: Introduction to the New Testament:

(Compulsory Course 12 Credits)

This course looks at the historical, religious and social background to the New Testament. It looks at the purpose of the biblical writers. It gives an overview of the contents of the New Testament with a focus on the teachings of Jesus. It explains exegesis and the value of the New Testament for today.

It gives some practical guidance on how to run Bible studies etc for various age groups.

### 45241: Introduction to Theology:

(Compulsory Course 12 Credits)

This course is an introduction to Christian doctrine and to what the church teaches. It covers the doctrine of God, anthropology, Christology, salvation, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Revelation, Faith and the Church. It gives various approaches to these doctrines and raises some questions on which Christians disagree. It makes some connections between theological thinking and practical living showing how the doctrines can be applied to our lives, churches and our communities.

### 45269: Called to Discipleship:

(Compulsory Course 12 Credits)

This course gives an explanation of personal faith that will help people to clarify what they believe. It explains how to communicate personal faith in an effective manner in a number of different contexts. It looks at the calling of various people in the Bible and analyses how and why God calls people. It describes the spiritual gifts and helps people to identify their own gifts and how to use them to serve the Church and the community. It describes and discusses the importance of Christian mission and outlines the history and development of Christian mission in context. It analyses the relevance of mission models for today.

### 45261: Introduction to Christian Ethics:

(Compulsory Course 12 Credits)

This course describes and explains what ethics is. It focuses particularly on biblical ethics and responsible use of the Bible in ethical decision making, pointing out the dangers of simplistic biblical interpretation. It looks at the relationship of spiritual and moral formation and how to promote these in the church and the community. It covers the areas of sexual ethics, economic ethics and environmental ethics.

### 45378: Christian Proclamation: Preaching

(Elective 12 Credits)

This is a practical course. It describes and explains the skills needed in planning, preparing and presenting teaching events whether these are workshops, bible studies, talks or sermons. It discusses sensitively towards the context and an awareness of the needs of participants or the audience. This includes age, culture and gender awareness and sensitivity. It covers self awareness and helps people to reflect on their own lives and lifestyles. All this is done in the light of Christian faith.

### 45384: Pastoral responses to HIV and AIDS

(Elective Course 12 Credits)

This course explains the causes and effects of HIV and AIDS. It describes and explains Christian lifestyles and teaching that help to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS. It explores some of the theological questions around the issue of HIV and AIDS. It is a practical course that contains material and ideas to equip people to minister in the context of HIV and AIDS.

### 45371: Pastoral Care

(Elective 12 Credits)

This course describe the roles and qualities of the pastoral care giver. It grounds these in a biblical perspective explaining the Christian principles that underlie good practice in pastoral care. It outlines various situations of need such as death, loss, sickness, poverty and other needs. It looks at the skills to help address these needs and well as basic counselling skills such as listening. It gives guidance as to when to refer people for further help. It looks at the role of prayer in pastoral care.

### 45131: South African Church History

(Elective 12 Credits)

This course introduces students to the story of Christianity in southern Africa from the time of the arrival of the Dutch in 1652, through to the present day. It looks at missionary history and also at the history of local Christians. It examines the African Initiated Churches as well as the major missionary denominations.

Certificate of Competence		Higher Certificate in Theology (course code & credit value)	Dip.ThMin
Course Code	cut-off mark		
270	65 %	Call to Discipleship (45269) - 12	6001
274	65 %	Pastoral Care (45371) - 12	6002
266	65 %	Intro to Christian ethics (45261) - 12	
276	65 %	Intro to Spirituality (45251) - 12	6003
241	65 %	Intro to Theology (45241) - 12	
201	55 %	Intro to OT (45111) - 12	6004
221	55 %	Intro to NT (45121) - 12	
278	65 %	Pastoral response to HIV / Aids (45384) - 12	6006
-	-	Investigating our Christian world (45130) - 24	6000 + 6155
253	65 %	South African Church History (45131) - 12	6158
272	65 %	Christian proclamation (45378) - 12	6372