

# Comparison of the Competencies Defined in the Certification of a Certified Associate Christian Educator and Certified Christian Educator

## ***Competencies of the Certified Associate Christian Educator***

- Understands the major themes of Biblical story. Is able to use them in teaching and personal study.
- Works within a theory/philosophy of Christian Education based upon an understanding of the Reformed tradition.
- Able to articulate reasons for programmatic decisions.
- Familiar with accepted educational processes in teaching and learning (eg., planning for teaching, writing objectives, guiding group process, use of resources, and evaluation).
- Able to tailor existing materials and shape programs to meet the needs of particular people in particular situations.
- Knows and uses the polity of the Presbyterian Church regarding the responsibilities of governing bodies, and is able to appropriately use the Book of Order.
- Understands Presbyterian worship, program, and mission; conveys that understanding in teaching/learning settings.
- Able, with supervision, to function effectively as a member of a staff team.

## ***Competencies of the Certified Christian Educator***

- Is able to interpret a passage of Scripture using accepted exegetical processes and resources (use of biblical languages not required).
- Operates out of a personally defined theory/philosophy of Christian education based upon theological and educational assumptions consistent with the Reformed tradition.
- Able to articulate reasons for educational decisions.
- Familiar with accepted educational processes in teaching and learning and able to counsel, support, motivate, nurture, and educate teachers, leaders and learners, integrating theory and practice.
- Able to generate educational programs, curricula, and teaching strategies based on sound theories of human development to fit the needs of a particular situation.
- Knows and understands the Book of Order regarding governance, polity, discipline, and worship; is familiar with the background and contents of the Book of Confessions.
- Understands the history and the theological rationale behind Presbyterian worship and sacraments, program, and mission; and is able to design and implement educational programming to develop that understanding in others.
- Able to function effectively as a professional team member in working with staff colleagues.