



## Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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### COURSE BROCHURE

# Ecumenical Principles Description Evaluation And Application Training

Human and Social Studies / Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society

Unit Standard 115941 · NQF Level 6 · 12 Credits · 9 Days

## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the ability to describe, evaluate, and apply ecumenical principles within diverse organizational and community contexts. It promotes interfaith understanding and collaboration, enabling participants to foster inclusive environments that respect religious diversity.

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| Category        | Human and Social Studies                     |
| Subfield        | Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society |
| Unit Standard   | 115941                                       |
| Accreditation   | SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 6 · 12 Credits   |
| Duration        | 9 days                                       |
| Training Method | Online, On-Campus, In-House                  |
| Certificate     | Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online    |

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Describe the historical and theological foundations of ecumenical principles.
- Evaluate different ecumenical models and their applicability in various contexts.
- Apply ecumenical principles to promote interfaith dialogue and cooperation.
- Analyze case studies to identify challenges and opportunities in ecumenical practice.
- Implement strategies for integrating ecumenical values into organizational policies.
- Demonstrate the ability to facilitate ecumenical initiatives in diverse settings.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for managers, HR professionals, community leaders, and anyone involved in policy development or stakeholder engagement who seeks to integrate ecumenical principles into their work.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Day 1: Introduction to Ecumenical Principles

- What is ecumenism? Definitions and scope.
- Historical overview: Early church divisions and councils.
- Biblical basis for unity: John 17, Ephesians 4.
- The modern ecumenical movement: World Council of Churches.
- Overview of South African ecumenical context.
- Course structure and assessment criteria.

### Day 2: Foundational Ecumenical Documents and Creeds

- The Nicene Creed: origins, content, and authority.
- Apostles' Creed and Chalcedonian Definition.
- The Barmen Declaration (1934) and resistance to ideology.
- Confessional traditions and their ecumenical implications.
- Case study: The Belhar Confession in South Africa.
- Group exercise: Comparing creeds for common ground.

### Day 3: Ecclesiology and Models of Unity

- What is the church? Theological and sociological perspectives.
- Models of unity: organic unity, conciliar fellowship, reconciled diversity.
- The Toronto Statement (1950) and its implications.
- Case studies: United churches in South Africa.
- Challenges to unity: denominationalism and autonomy.
- Workshop: Assessing models for your context.

### Day 4: Sacraments and Worship in Ecumenical Perspective

- Sacraments: definitions and number (Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox).
- Baptism: modes, infant vs. believer's, mutual recognition.
- Eucharist: real presence, sacrifice, and intercommunion.
- The Lima Document (Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry).
- Ecumenical worship: shared services and liturgical exchange.
- Group discussion: Barriers to shared communion.

### Day 5: Ecumenical Social Ethics and Justice

- Prophetic witness and ecumenical social ethics.
- The Kairos Document and its challenge to the church.
- Economic justice: Accra Confession and global inequality.
- Racial reconciliation: South African church initiatives.
- Gender justice and ecumenical feminism.
- Workshop: Designing an ecumenical social project.

### Day 6: Interfaith Dialogue and Ecumenism

- Ecumenism vs. interfaith dialogue: definitions and goals.
- Theology of religions: key positions and debates.
- Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate* and other statements.
- The World Council of Churches and interfaith relations.
- Case study: Interfaith initiatives in South Africa.

- Role-play: Facilitating interfaith conversation.

#### Day 7: Evaluating Ecumenical Initiatives

- Evaluation criteria: theological fidelity, inclusivity, impact.
- Case study 1: The South African Council of Churches.
- Case study 2: Local ecumenical partnerships.
- Common obstacles: doctrinal differences, power dynamics.
- Tools for assessment: surveys, interviews, outcomes.
- Group work: Evaluating a hypothetical project.

#### Day 8: Applying Ecumenical Principles in Practice

- Steps to building ecumenical partnerships.
- Conflict resolution and negotiation in ecumenical settings.
- Planning joint worship, mission, and social projects.
- Communication strategies for diverse groups.
- Case study: Successful ecumenical ventures.
- Workshop: Drafting an ecumenical covenant.

#### Day 9: Synthesis and Assessment

- Recap of core ecumenical principles and models.
- Presentations: Ecumenical action plans.
- Peer and facilitator feedback.
- Personal reflection: Challenges and opportunities.
- Written assessment: Case study analysis.
- Course evaluation and certification.

## ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **12 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 6**.

## PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

| Delegates | Training Method      | Price per Delegate | Total       |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1         | Online               | R 36,600.00        | R 36,600.00 |
| 1         | In-House             | R 47,600.00        | R 47,600.00 |
| 1         | On-Campus (Pretoria) | R 55,000.00        | R 55,000.00 |

## UPCOMING SESSIONS

| Start       | End         | Method    | Venue                   |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 10 Aug 2026 | 20 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Durban, South Africa    |
| 10 Aug 2026 | 20 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Mauritius               |
| 11 Aug 2026 | 21 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Cape Town, South Africa |
| 12 Aug 2026 | 24 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Dubai, UAE              |
| 13 Aug 2026 | 25 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Pretoria, South Africa  |
| 14 Aug 2026 | 26 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Abu Dhabi, UAE          |
| 17 Aug 2026 | 27 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Shenzhen, China         |
| 18 Aug 2026 | 28 Aug 2026 | On-Campus | Dubai, UAE              |

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

## HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit [www.aaticd.co.za](http://www.aaticd.co.za), open the page for this course (Unit Standard 115941) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to [apply@aaticd.co.za](mailto:apply@aaticd.co.za) – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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