



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

History Of Christianity In Southern Africa Development Training

Human and Social Studies / Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society

Unit Standard 115973 · NQF Level 2 · 14 Credits · 11 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the history of Christianity in Southern Africa, exploring its development, impact, and contemporary relevance. Learners will gain insights into the key events, figures, and movements that shaped Christianity in the region, and understand its role in social and cultural transformation.

Category	Human and Social Studies
Subfield	Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society
Unit Standard	115973
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 2 · 14 Credits
Duration	11 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyze the key historical events and movements that shaped Christianity in Southern Africa.
- Evaluate the impact of missionary work and indigenous responses on the development of Christianity.
- Demonstrate understanding of the role of Christianity in social and political change in Southern Africa.
- Apply historical knowledge to contemporary issues facing the church in Southern Africa.
- Compare different denominational traditions and their contributions to the region's Christian heritage.
- Interpret primary and secondary sources related to the history of Christianity in Southern Africa.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for pastors, church leaders, theologians, historians, educators, and anyone interested in understanding the historical development of Christianity in Southern Africa.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Christianity in Southern Africa

- Overview of the course structure and outcomes.
- Pre-colonial African spirituality and early Christian encounters.
- The arrival of European missionaries (15th-18th centuries).
- Major Christian denominations in Southern Africa.
- The role of oral tradition and indigenous beliefs.
- Historical sources and methods for studying church history.

Day 2: Missionary Movements and Colonial Expansion

- London Missionary Society, Moravians, and other groups.
- Mission stations as centres of change.
- Education, healthcare, and literacy through missions.
- Resistance and adaptation by local communities.
- Case study: Robert Moffat and David Livingstone.
- The Berlin Conference and the scramble for Southern Africa.

Day 3: African Initiated Churches (AICs)

- The Ethiopian movement and independent churches.
- Zionist and Apostolic churches.
- Prophetic figures: Isaiah Shembe, Engenas Lekganyane.
- AICs and cultural identity.
- Healing, prophecy, and worship practices.
- AICs in the struggle against apartheid.

Day 4: Christianity and the Formation of South African Identity

- The Dutch Reformed Church and Afrikaner identity.
- English-speaking churches and British imperialism.
- Mission education and the emergence of an African elite.
- The role of the Bible in language development.
- Christianity and the construction of 'tribal' identities.
- The 1913 Land Act and church responses.

Day 5: Christian Responses to Apartheid

- The Dutch Reformed Church's support for apartheid.
- The Christian Institute and Beyers Naudé.
- The South African Council of Churches (SACC).
- The Kairos Document (1985) and liberation theology.
- Desmond Tutu and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- International church sanctions and solidarity.

Day 6: Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements

- Early Pentecostal missions (Apostolic Faith Mission, etc.).
- The rise of charismatic mega-churches.
- Prosperity theology and economic contexts.
- Pentecostalism and political engagement.
- Gender dynamics in Pentecostal churches.

- Youth culture and contemporary worship.

Day 7: Christianity and Social Justice

- The church and the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- Faith-based organisations and social services.
- The Land Reform debate and church land ownership.
- Gender-based violence and church responses.
- Xenophobia and refugee support.
- The church in the #FeesMustFall movement.

Day 8: Contemporary Theological Debates

- African theology and Ubuntu.
- Black theology in South Africa.
- Feminist and womanist theologies.
- LGBTQ+ inclusion and church divisions.
- Ecumenism and interfaith dialogue.
- The influence of North American and European theology.

Day 9: Church Leadership and Governance

- Episcopal, Presbyterian, and congregational models.
- Leadership in AICs: prophets, bishops, and elders.
- Women in ministry: historical and contemporary perspectives.
- Financial stewardship and accountability.
- Conflict resolution and church discipline.
- Case studies: leadership crises in specific churches.

Day 10: Christianity and Culture in Southern Africa

- Gospel music and hymns: local expressions.
- Christian art and architecture.
- Literature: from mission presses to contemporary writers.
- Marriage, initiation, and funeral rites.
- Ancestor veneration and Christian theology.
- The 'born free' generation and cultural hybridity.

Day 11: Future Directions and Practical Integration

- Trends: secularisation, revival, and migration.
- The role of digital media and online church.
- Climate change and Christian environmental ethics.
- Youth and the future of the church.
- Practical workshop: designing a community project.
- Course review and evaluation.

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 **14 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 2**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 38,400.00	R 38,400.00
1	In-House	R 49,900.00	R 49,900.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 57,600.00	R 57,600.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
12 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
13 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
17 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
18 Aug 2026	01 Sep 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa

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, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 115973) 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 – 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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