



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Southern African Christianity Congregation Denomination Development History Training

Human and Social Studies / Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society

Unit Standard 116741 · NQF Level 4 · 6 Credits · 3 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the historical development of Christian congregations and denominations in Southern Africa. It explores key events, figures, and theological influences that shaped the region's diverse Christian landscape, from early missionary activities to contemporary movements. Participants will gain a nuanced understanding of how socio-political contexts influenced denominational growth and inter-church relations.

Category	Human and Social Studies
Subfield	Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society
Unit Standard	116741
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 6 Credits
Duration	3 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyze the historical progression of Christian denominations in Southern Africa from the 17th century to the present.
- Evaluate the impact of missionary work, colonialism, and apartheid on church formation and identity.
- Demonstrate knowledge of key figures and events that shaped denominational development.
- Compare and contrast the theological and liturgical distinctives of major Southern African denominations.
- Apply historical insights to contemporary issues of ecumenism and inter-denominational relations.
- Design a timeline or case study illustrating the growth of a specific congregation or denomination.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for clergy, church historians, theology students, and lay leaders seeking a deeper understanding of Southern African Christian history.
- It is also suitable for educators and researchers interested in the socio-religious development of the region.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Southern African Christianity

- Introduction to Southern African religious landscape pre-1652.
- Arrival of European missionaries: Moravians, London Missionary Society, etc.
- Early mission stations and the formation of first congregations.
- The Great Trek and its influence on Dutch Reformed Church development.
- Emergence of African Initiated Churches (AICs) in the 19th century.
- Role of vernacular translations and indigenous leadership.
- Case study: The founding of the Ethiopian Church (1892).
- Overview of unit standard 116741 learning outcomes.

Day 2: Denominational Growth and Schisms

- The formation of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (1847).
- Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregationalist developments.
- The Dutch Reformed Church family: NGK, NHK, GK.
- Rise of Pentecostalism and charismatic movements.
- The Zionist Christian Church and other large AICs.
- Church responses to apartheid: pro-apartheid, anti-apartheid, and neutral.
- Ecumenical movements: South African Council of Churches.
- Contemporary trends: mega-churches, prosperity gospel, and urbanisation.

Day 3: Contemporary Dynamics and Practical Application

- Demographics of Christianity in Southern Africa today.
- Gender, youth, and leadership in modern congregations.
- Challenges: secularism, HIV/AIDS, poverty, and migration.
- Interfaith relations and religious pluralism.
- Practical workshop: Mapping a local congregation's history.
- Group project: Presenting a denomination's development timeline.
- Integration with unit standard 116741 assessment criteria.
- Final Q&A; and course wrap-up.

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 **6 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 17,900.00	R 17,900.00
1	In-House	R 23,300.00	R 23,300.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 26,800.00	R 26,800.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
10 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
17 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	19 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, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 116741) 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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