



Accredited Africa Training Institute for Capacity Development

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COURSE BROCHURE

Christianity Development History In Southern Africa Training

Human and Social Studies / Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society

Unit Standard 116748 · NQF Level 4 · 10 Credits · 7 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the development of Christianity in Southern Africa, from early missionary activities to contemporary expressions. Learners will explore key historical events, figures, and theological shifts that shaped Christian communities in the region.

Category	Human and Social Studies
Subfield	Religious and Ethical Foundations of Society
Unit Standard	116748
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 4 · 10 Credits
Duration	7 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyze the historical development of Christianity in Southern Africa from the 17th century to the present.
- Evaluate the impact of missionary work on indigenous cultures and the formation of independent African churches.
- Demonstrate knowledge of key figures, events, and theological debates that shaped Southern African Christianity.
- Apply historical insights to contemporary church contexts and community engagement.
- Compare the development of different Christian denominations in Southern Africa.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for clergy, church historians, theology students, and anyone interested in understanding the historical trajectory of Christianity in Southern Africa.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Christianity in Southern Africa

- Pre-colonial indigenous belief systems.
- Arrival of Portuguese, Dutch, and British missionaries.
- Early mission stations and their impact.
- The Berlin, Moravian, and London Missionary Societies.
- Colonial governance and church-state relations.
- Key figures: Robert Moffat, David Livingstone, and others.
- Introduction to unit standard 116748 and assessment criteria.

Day 2: The Growth of Mission Churches and African Agency

- Mission stations as hubs of education and healthcare.
- African agency: early converts and local leadership.
- The rise of Ethiopianism and African Initiated Churches (AICs).
- Key AIC figures: Isaiah Shembe, John Chilembwe.
- The 1860s revival and its influence.
- Formation of the South African General Missionary Conference.
- Case study: the Xhosa Bible translation and its impact.

Day 3: Christianity, Apartheid, and Resistance

- Dutch Reformed Church theology and apartheid.
- The Christian Institute and Beyers Naudé.
- The Soweto uprising and church responses.
- The World Council of Churches' Programme to Combat Racism.
- The Kairos Document (1985): prophetic theology.
- Desmond Tutu, Allan Boesak, and Frank Chikane.
- The TRC and the concept of restorative justice.
- Post-apartheid church reconciliation efforts.

Day 4: African Initiated Churches and Pentecostalism

- Typology of AICs: Ethiopian, Zionist, Apostolic.
- Zionist churches: healing, prophecy, and symbolism.
- The Nazareth Baptist Church (Shembe) and its rituals.
- Pentecostal and charismatic movements: origins and spread.
- Key Pentecostal figures: Nicholas Bhengu, Ray McCauley.
- AICs and HIV/AIDS: health and stigma responses.
- AICs in urban and rural contexts.
- Mainline churches vs. AICs: doctrine, governance, and growth.

Day 5: Contemporary Issues: Gender, Sexuality, and Ecumenism

- Women in church leadership: historical and current perspectives.
- The ordination of women in various denominations.
- LGBTQ+ debates: the Anglican Communion and Methodist Church.
- The South African Council of Churches (SACC) and its role.
- The Church and land reform, poverty, and inequality.
- Interfaith dialogue: Christianity and African Traditional Religion.
- Case study: the 2015 Same-Sex Marriage debate in the Methodist Church.

- The future of ecumenism in Southern Africa.

Day 6: Christianity and Education, Health, and Development

- Mission schools: Lovedale, St. Matthew's, and others.
- The church and the struggle for equitable education.
- Christian hospitals and clinics: legacy and challenges.
- Faith-based organisations and HIV/AIDS programmes.
- The church and community development projects.
- Christian advocacy for good governance and human rights.
- The role of churches in the 1994 transition.
- Case study: the work of TAC (Treatment Action Campaign) and churches.

Day 7: Synthesis, Assessment, and Future Directions

- Course review: timelines, themes, and turning points.
- Future trends: secularisation, Pentecostal growth, and AICs.
- The church and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.
- Case study: a contemporary church-related issue (e.g., corruption, migration).
- Summative assessment: written test or group presentation.
- Feedback and evaluation.
- Certification and next steps.

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 **10 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 4**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 28,200.00	R 28,200.00
1	In-House	R 36,700.00	R 36,700.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 42,300.00	R 42,300.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	18 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
11 Aug 2026	19 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
12 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
13 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
17 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
18 Aug 2026	26 Aug 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 116748) 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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