

## Certificate in

# MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

What are the requirements?

The Certificate requires successful completion of at least 265 clock hours of course work and a 30-hour practicum.

Who might benefit from this certificate?

It can be useful for parish family life coordinators or marriage preparation leaders.

What do studies entail?

Students must attend classes, complete reading and assignments, participate in discussion, and take exams for a grade of “C–” or better, or earn a “Pass.”

How much does it cost?

Tuition runs from \$35 to \$75, depending on length of course. Discounts are available for auditors and groups of four or more. Cost of books is extra for each course.

When and where are courses offered?

Courses are held primarily in the evening, year-round, at parish and diocesan sites. Schedules and registration are online.

How long does it take to complete the certificate?

Taking one course at a time, one evening per week, requires approximately three years. Certificate-seekers also may go at their own pace, taking fewer courses per year and longer to finish.

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## What courses do I need?

Completion of the Certificate requires at least 265 clock hours taken for credit via the following Institute courses:

### CORE COURSES

- Choose 1 {
- C100** Basic Elements of Catholicism (20 hrs)
  - C110** Catechism of the Catholic Church (15 hrs)
  - C120** Local Church (15 hrs)
  - C200** Introduction to Morality (30 hrs)
  - C220** Introduction to New Testament (30 hrs)

### GENERAL COURSES

- G130** Christology (30 hrs)
- G200** Pastoral Focus for Cultural Diversity (15 hrs)

### SPECIAL COURSES

- S110** Family Systems (15 hrs)
- S250** Introduction to Vatican II (15 hrs)
- S265** Theology of the Body (15 hrs)
- S270** Theology of Marriage (15 hrs)
- S830** Spirituality of Family Life (15 hrs)
- S960** Parenting Skills for Healthy Family Life (15 hrs)

### ELECTIVE COURSES

*A minimum of 40 hours from the following courses:*

- S100** Faith Growth: Children and Adolescents (15 hrs)
- S200** Sacraments of Initiation (15 hrs)
- S1020** Pastoral Care and Counseling (15 hrs)
- S1080** Ministry to the Elderly (15 hrs)
- S1090** Enriching Family Life in the Church (10 hrs)
- S970** Current Issues in Family Life (15 hrs)

*(Candidates may transfer up to 90 clock hours of equivalent courses from other institutions.)*

## How do I arrange to complete the practicum?

A supervised practicum of 30 hours must be completed under the direction of the diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life prior to granting the certificate. The certificate seeker should contact the Institute office to design a suitable practicum.