

Information related to **08-F Presbytery Membership of Certified Christian Educators
and 08-I Certified Christian Educators**

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What is Educator Certification? The certification of Christian educators is a process administered by the Educator Certification Council on behalf of the General Assembly Council (G-14.0720). The standards of the process are detailed at www.pcusa.org/christianeducators

The Certified Associate Christian Educator . . .

. . . has a bachelor's degree in Christian education or in another field OR has previously been approved as an Enrolled Educational Assistant (the entry non-certified level).

. . . has work experience in PC(USA) educational ministries (the equivalent of at least two years full-time)

. . . has completed the required course credits in each of the six knowledge and skill areas (biblical interpretation, Reformed theology, human and faith development, religious education theory and practice, Presbyterian polity, Presbyterian program and mission)

. . . has completed the certification exam while participating in the Reference Group process, containing colleagues, a representative of the session, and Certification Advisor

The Certified Christian Educator . . .

. . . has completed a master's degree in Christian education or a related field, or a master of divinity degree OR has previously received certification at the associate level of the process.

. . . has work experience in PC(USA) educational ministries (the equivalent of at least one year full-time)

. . . has completed the required course credits in each of the seven knowledge and skill areas (biblical interpretation, Reformed theology, human and faith development, religious education theory and practice, Presbyterian polity, Presbyterian program and mission, worship and sacraments)

. . . has completed the certification exam while participating in the Reference Group process, containing colleagues, a representative of the session, and the Certification Advisor

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On amending G-11.0407 Adds the phrase "*during the term of service in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the presbytery.*" **Implications:** certified Christian educators who retire from active service or who are between positions will no longer be able to have voice on the floor of presbytery

On amending G-14.0730 Adds the phrase "*The presbytery may*". **Implications:** The 217th General Assembly with concurrence of the majority of the presbyteries voted to change the *Book of Order* to state that the presbytery **shall** grant the privilege of the floor to the certified Christian educator at all its meetings with voice only, and, in the case of certified Christian educators who are ordained elders, voice and vote under the provisions of G-11.0101b. This amendment would change this and limit those who have Christian education certification to participate in presbytery.

08-I Certified Christian Educators on amending G-14.0730

If the letters are capitalized, the intent of the 217th GA to grant the privilege of the floor to all certified Christian educators will exclude Associate Certified Christian Educators.