

Spiritualist Church of Canada

EDUCATION COURSES

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MISSION STATEMENT

To assist in the advancement of, and to promote and teach throughout the world, but more particularly across Canada, the Religion of Spiritualism and Spiritualistic philosophy and phenomena. The Spiritualist Church of Canada recognizes and agree to operate under the following principles:

1. Infinite Spirit, Divine Creator of All That Is.
2. Unity and Equality of All.
3. Communication, Guidance and Healing from Spirit and Angels.
4. Continuous Existence of the Soul and its Personality.
5. Personal Responsibility for the Creation of our Reality through Thought, Word and Deed.
6. Actions create results according to Natural Law.
7. Eternal Progress open to Every Soul.

Further, to organize and conduct courses and classes for Spiritualistic instruction.

To provide for the education and license of fit and proper persons as authorized preachers, lecturers and demonstrators of the Religion of Spiritualism and for the ordination of pastors.

To assist in, promote and unite Spiritualist Churches, societies, organizations and persons across Canada into one general Spiritualist Church. To organize new churches, societies, missions and branches thereof, and to affiliate other similar organizations in the world.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA

Welcome to the Spiritualist Church of Canada's Education Program. The aim of the program is to impart knowledge of Spiritualism to those who are interested and to set standards by which students can be tested. Enrollment in the program is open to all members of the Spiritualist Church of Canada.

The Spiritualist Church of Canada believes that it is important that those who represent Spiritualism be trained and qualified for the work they do. Mediums should be properly developed, speakers should know their subject and healers should understand the method.

The education program consists of three segments. The first and second segments can be taken by correspondence or in-person classes. Classes in each subject run on a two-year cycle. The third segment is hands-on in-person training.

The Foundation courses include the basic subjects of The Religion of Spiritualism, The Philosophy of Spiritualism, The Science of Spiritualism and Spiritualism Past and Present. These Foundation courses are a prerequisite for all other courses. **The Comprehensive courses** expand the knowledge of Spiritualism and cover the subjects of Mediums & Mediumship, Spiritual Healing, Spiritualism in Canada, and Comparative Religion. Students may attain credit for these courses through correspondence by either completing the requested essays or the exam questions. A third option is to attend the in-person class when offered. There may still be an exam required even if attending an in-person course. You will be advised by the instructor at the time of the course.

Students will receive the course material upon payment of a fee. This fee is non-refundable. It is the student's responsibility to thoroughly read the course manual. To achieve a full understanding of the subject, students are advised to do further reading. For this purpose, there is listed additional recommended reading at the end of each course. Reading and research materials are the responsibility of the student.

Pastoral skills, the third segment of the program, consists of workshops and seminars that provide hands-on-training in skills, essential for carrying out effectively the roles of pastor or minister.

Ordination candidates must complete the courses in the education program, as well as obtaining certificates as a Speaker, Mediumship and as a Spiritual Healer in accordance with the Guidelines of the Spiritualist Church of Canada.

LEVEL ONE – FOUNDATION COURSES

S101 RELIGION OF SPIRITUALISM

- Definition of Spiritualism
- Origins of Modern Spiritualism
- The Religion of Spiritualism
- The Seven Principles – Overview
- Natural Laws – Overview
- Mediumship, Spirit Guides, Spirit Communication – Overview
- Healing
- Spiritualist Churches, Spiritualist Camps
- The Golden Rule in all Religions and The Principles – United States

S102 PHILOSOPHY OF SPIRITUALISM

- Introduction to the Philosophy of Spiritualism
- Early Spiritualist Philosophy: Emanuel Swedenborg and Andrew Jackson Davis
- The Seven Principles
- Natural Law
- The Spirit World
- Later Spiritualist Philosophy: Rev. W. Stainton Moses, Arthur Findlay, Maurice Barbanell, Grace Cooke
- Other 19th century ideologies
- Views on Spiritism
- Views on Christianity and the Bible
- Views on Reincarnation
- Summary of The Philosophy of Spiritualism

S103 SCIENCE OF SPIRITUALISM

- The Phenomena – Physical and Mental
- Parapsychology – History
 - Society for Physical Research
 - Scientist and Researchers
- Present day experiments
 - -The Philip and Scoble experiments
 - -Noah's Ark Society

S103 SCIENCE OF SPIRITUALISM CONTINUED

- -Phenomenal Evidence Department of the NSAC
- -Dr. Gary Schwartz afterlife experiments
- Argument of the Skeptics
- Frauds – The Black Crows
- Evidence – The White Crows

S104 SPIRITUALISM PAST AND PRESENT

- The Precursors
- The Advent of Modern Spiritualism
- Proliferation of Spiritualism in 19th century – US, UK and Canada
- Evolution from Spirit Rappers to Mental Mediums
- Victorian Society and Culture – Overview
- 19th century séances
- Contribution of Spiritualism – Women`s movement, Civil War, WWI & WWII – Overview
- Evolution from Free Thinkers to Organized Groups
- 20th Century to Present Day

LEVEL TWO – COMPREHENSIVE COURSES

S201 MEDIUMS AND MEDIUMSHIP

- Mediumship
 - Physical and Mental
 - Process of Spirit Communication
 - Factors affecting communication
 - Level of Messages
 - Evidential Messages
 - Natural Laws governing Mediumship
 - Quality of Mediumship
 - Basic Quality Standards for Mediumship
 - Spirit Guides
- Mediums
 - The Influences: Charles B. Rosna, Emanuel Swedenborg, Anton Mesmer
 - Derivation of the diverse types of Mediumship: Andrew Jackson Davis, The Fox Sisters

S201 MEDIUMS AND MEDIUMSHIP CONTINUED

- The Pioneers
 - The Herald – Andrew Jackson Davis, Philosopher
 - The Founders – Kate and Maggie Fox, Spirit Rappers
 - Nineteenth-Century Physical and Mental Mediums
- Modern Mediums
 - Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Physical and Mental Mediums
- Healing Mediums

S203 SPIRITUAL HEALING

- Spiritual Healing
- History of Healing
- The Healing Prayer
 - Healing Affirmation – Explanation of each part and what it means
 - The Spiritual Healer
 - Attitude and Motive
 - Spiritual Values
 - Development – Attunement
 - Personal Development and Health
 - Responsibilities and Ethics
 - Opening a Practice – Insurance and Fees
- Process of Healing
 - Stages of Healing
 - Methods of Healing (Contact Healing, Absent Healing, Trance)
 - The Human Being
 - Physical Aspects (Basic Anatomy and The Spine)
 - Spiritual Aspects (The Psychic Centres or Chakras and the Aura)
- Healing Mediums
- Scientific Experiments

S204 SPIRITUALISM IN CANADA

- From Upper Canada to Hydesville
- Early Canadian Spiritualists – The Moodies, Marcus Gunn, Alfred Cridge, B.F. Austin, Alexander McLachlan, Flora MacDonald Denison
- Spiritualistic activities in Canada – described by E.H. Britten
- Other Early Canadian Spiritualists

S204 SPIRITUALISM IN CANADA CONTINUED

- 20th Century Canadian Spiritualist and Researchers
Dr. John Sumpter King, Albert Durrant Watson, Dr. T. Glendenning Hamilton, William Lyon,
Mackenzie King, Dr. A.R.G. Owens and Iris M. Owen
- Spiritualist activities in Canada described by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- Other 20th Century Canadian Spiritualists
- Later Researchers and Parapsychologists
- Canadian Spiritualist Churches and Organizations
- Present Day
- Spiritualists` Recollections

S206 COMPARATIVE RELIGION

- Abrahamic Religions
 - Judaism
 - Christianity
 - Islam
- Eastern Religions
 - Hinduism
 - Buddhism
- Earth Religions
 - Shamanism
 - Paganism
- Spiritualism
- The Seven Principles – Common and Divergent Themes

S208 PLATFORM ETIQUETTE AND CHAIRING - AVAILABLE AS IN PERSON CLASS ONLY

- Image and Presentation
- Dress
- Appropriate language
- Courtesy
- Respect
- Welcoming smile
- Introduction
- Announcing the order of service

S208 PLATFORM ETIQUETTE AND CHAIRING CONTINUED

- Inserting appropriate thoughts and short readings
- Choosing hymns
- Body language
- Enthusiasm

LEVEL 3 – PASTORAL SKILLS - AVAILABLE AS *IN PERSON CLASSES ONLY*

S301 LEADERSHIP TEACHING BY EXAMPLE

- Teaching by example
- Fairness
- Clear vision and expectation
- Participation, delegation, and empowerment
- Motivation
- Recognition
- Gratitude

S302 ROLES OF PASTOR, BOARD & WORKERS, RELEVANT LAWS

- The Pastor
- The Board
- The Worker
- Corporate Laws
- Charities and Tax Receipts
- Alternative Healing

S304 PREPARING SERVICES

- The Sunday Service
- The Naming Service
- The Wedding Service
- The Funeral Service
- The Memorial Service
- The Commemorative Service
- The Healing Service

S307 SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING AND REFERRALS

- Counselling Skills and Techniques
- List of Referrals to Government Agencies, Professionals
- Services Available and other Resources

ACCREDITED WORKERS CERTIFICATION

The following fundamental areas of our religion are recognized as paramount, as such, qualified members can apply for Accreditation Certificates.

1. **Mediumship:** You are required to have given twelve mediumship demonstrations in a Spiritualist Church or the equivalent. A letter from the respective churches/equivalent is required attesting to your abilities is required with your application. The student Medium will also be required to demonstrate Evidential Mediumship before a panel of three experienced Mediums.
2. **Lecturer:** You are required to have given twelve lectures in a Spiritualist Church. A letter from the respective churches is required with your application.
3. **Spiritual Healing:** You are required to have obtained a Certificate of Healing and have completed two years of healing in a Spiritualist environment. A letter from the respective churches along with a Vulnerable Sector Police check is required to accompany your application.

Please visit our web site at www.spiritualistchurchofcanadian.com for a complete and current listing of courses, certificates and requirements.

MINISTER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/RESOURCE COURSE

Each offering of this workshop will cover current topics such as legislative changes, issues frequently arising in relation to ministerial work and or churches, etc. All SCC Ministers must participate in at least one of these workshops every 5 years to remain a minister in good standing. Any SCC Minister or board member may submit suggestions for topics to be discussed. These suggestions should be directed to the Chair of the Education Committee for presentation to the full SCC Board of Governors for Consideration.