



Spiritualist Church of Canada

REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION

The *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA* will receive applications from any Spiritual person desiring to qualify as an Ordained Minister of the religion of Spiritualism who:

1. Is a current subscribing member of the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA* and has been a subscribing member for at least two (2) years prior to the application; and
2. Has an Accredited Worker's Certificate as a Medium, Speaker and Spiritual Healer from the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA* and has served Spiritualist churches in these capacities continually for two (2) years prior to the application; and
3. Has graduated from the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA'S* education program or has been granted equivalency through procedures as set by the Board of Governors of the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA*; and
4. Has a reasonable knowledge of the Religion, Philosophy, and Science of Spiritualism; and
5. Has a reasonable knowledge of the literature of Spiritualism and its authors, and of the history of Spiritualism; and
6. Has a reasonable knowledge of comparative religions; and
7. Has reasonable ability to prepare and conduct a complete service in a professional manner.



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CONDITIONS

An Ordination Certificate shall remain in effect as long as the holder:

- ✓ maintains a current subscribing membership in the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA*; and
- ✓ upholds the principles and philosophy of Spiritualism; and
- ✓ conducts him/herself in accordance with the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA'S* Code of Conduct and Ethics for Ordained Ministers in a manner that appropriately represents the religion of Spiritualism and does not bring discredit upon the certificate holder or to the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA* to which he/she belongs; and
- ✓ submits the required police check once every five years.

A certificate may be revoked at any time if the Board of Governors deems the above conditions have not been met.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS/PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

The *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA* will consider granting credit for previous learning or credits granted elsewhere provided those previous courses taken by the applicant are similar or equivalent to the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA'S* education program.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

Completion of the following courses is mandatory and requests for exemption from them will **NOT** be considered, regardless of previous studies completed elsewhere by the student:

S204 Spiritualism in Canada

S301 Leadership

S302 Role of Pastor, Board, and Workers – Relevant Laws

S304 Preparing Services

NOTE: Exemptions for S307 Counselling and Referrals will be considered for licensed social workers, counselors and psychologists only.



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COURSE EXEMPTIONS CONTINUED

Students may apply to the Education Chair for possible exemption from courses (other than those indicated as mandatory) where they believe they have completed courses outside the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA* with similar content. All requests for exemptions are to be submitted with a fee equivalent to half of the normal fee for taking the course for which exemption is being requested. Should the exemption be denied, the funds submitted with the request will be applied to the course fee when the student registers to take the course.

The Board of the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA* has the right to designate which courses within the Education Program for which exemptions may be allowed and which courses will require mandatory completion with no possible consideration for exemption. Requests for exemption from any given course will be reviewed by the Education Chair and a preliminary assessment made. Should the Chair feel that the request sufficiently addresses the course content for which exemption is being sought, they will present the request on behalf of the student with a recommendation to the full Board for final decision.

All requests for exemption will require the following information at a minimum before being considered:

The name of the institution delivering the course that the student has previously completed.

The name and number of the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA'S* course for which exemption is being requested.

The name, a full description of course content, dates of completion and method of completion for the course completed elsewhere.

The name and contact information for someone that may be contacted should there be any questions related to course content.



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COURSE EXEMPTIONS CONTINUED

Requests for exemption will only be granted where the material contained/covered in the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA'S* course has been sufficiently covered by the course already completed elsewhere by the student. Exemption from courses covering academic and/or historical aspects of Spiritualism will not be granted based on any amount of practical experience. The exemption must be granted solely on the basis that the Board is confident that the student possesses sufficient ***knowledge*** of the history, philosophy and/or methodology of the subject. Any applicant applying for exemption from any course may be required to take the Equivalency Exams set by the Board of Governors.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Ordination certificates will be presented at the next semi-annual or annual general meeting of the *SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA* unless otherwise specified by the Board of Governors. Where possible and if requested, a representative from the Board of Governors will attend the member's home church for the presentation of the certificate.