

EDUCATION COURSES

KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE



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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 agrees 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.

Original Principles

1. The Fatherhood of God.
2. The Brotherhood of Man.
3. The communion of spirits and ministry of angels.
4. The continuous existence of the human soul.
5. Personal responsibility.
6. Compensation and retribution here and hereafter for all good and evil deeds done on earth.
7. Eternal progress open to every human 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. Enrolment 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 that 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. The exception is Platform Etiquette which is an in-person class only. Classes on 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 Accredited Certificates and Level Three courses. The Comprehensive courses expand the knowledge of Spiritualism and cover the subjects of *Mediums & Mediumship*, *Spiritual Healing*, *Spiritualism in Canada* and *Comparative Religion*. Exams on the above courses consist of a choice of essays, questions or attending in person. There may still be an exam required even if attending an in-person course. You will be advised at the time by the instructor.

Students will receive the course material upon payment of a fee. This fee is non-refundable. Students are advised to read the books on the list recommended for each course to achieve a full understanding of the subject. 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 role of a minister.

Ordination candidates must complete the courses in the education program, as well as obtaining certificates as a Speaker, as a Medium and as a Spiritual Healer in accordance to 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 Scole 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 the 19th century – the 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 different types of Mediumship: Andrew Jackson Davis, The Fox Sisters
- The Pioneers

S201 MEDIUMS AND MEDIUMSHIP CONTINUED

- 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
- 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

S204 SPIRITUALISM IN CANADA CONTINUED

- 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 an *In-Person Class* only
- Image and Presentation
- Dress
- Appropriate language
- Courtesy
- Respect
- Welcoming smile
- Introduction
- Announcing the order of service
- Inserting appropriate thoughts and short readings
- Choosing hymns
- Body language
- Enthusiasm

LEVEL 3 – PASTORAL SKILLS

These courses are only available as *In-Person Classes* only.

S301 LEADERSHIP

- 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 SUPPORT AND REFERRALS

- Counselling skills and techniques
 - (to be taught by a qualified person)
- List of referrals to government agencies, professionals
- Services available and other resources

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A COMPLETE AND CURRENT LISTING OF COURSES, CERTIFICATES
AND REQUIREMENTS.

For those individuals applying for ordination, the following three certificates must accompany your application for ordination:

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 and **required testing by Board of Mediums from the SCC.**
2. **Healing:** You are required to have obtained a Healing Certificate and completed two years of healing in a Spiritualist environment. Proof is to be provided prior to granting a Certificate.
3. **Speaker:** You are required to have given twelve lectures in a Spiritualist Church. A letter from the respective churches is required.

We also have a Ministers Development Resource Course. This course will offer current as well as current issues and changes to help *YOU* as a Minister of the Spiritualist Church of Canada.