

Theology Requirements

Theological and/or Biblical Studies Training

A minimum of 125 contact hours (3 to 4 semester subjects) of an approved Theological or Biblical studies course or deemed equivalent. For example: Introduction to Old Testament, Doctrine of God, Hermeneutics, Exegesis, the Gospels, Church History or any other explicitly theological or biblical subjects taught by qualified teachers as approved by the Committee. Make sure you do these studies with an accredited training organisation and a qualified lecturer. If you are unable to fulfil the requirements of this section there is an alternative structured interview in which you must submit evidence of 'other' training in foundational theological and biblical concepts.

Theological Requirement via A Structured Interview

'I can't join CCA because I haven't done any formal Bible study!' If applicants are unable to fulfil the requirements of the theological and/or Biblical studies Training component which is equal to approximately 3 or 4 units of study there is an alternative pathway. You can opt to do a structured interview in which you must submit evidence of 'other' training comparable to what is required in this section. You will be asked questions regarding foundational theological and biblical concepts such as sin, salvation, redemption, faith, interpretation of scripture, justification by faith and so on.

The Informal Route to satisfying this requirement is through a structured interview. When you think about it there is a lot of instruction that goes on in churches. You may have sat under the ministry of Bible teachers, in weekly Bible studies, have followed through themes at camps or missions, or attended special retreats where a thematic approach was used by qualified Bible teachers or theological lecturers. Many Christians have received basic training in the faith by sitting under the preaching and teaching of their pastor who has formal training. Have a think through some of the studies you have done and begin to make a list of them. Think about the people who ran the courses or preached the series.

You need to show that you have studied the Scriptures in an approved way and have come to a position of being 'sound' and 'orthodox' in faith principles. For example you may have participated in Know Your Bible (KYB) groups over several years following Bible Notes made up by trained people, or your adult Bible Class may have thematically gone through the Scriptures on the Work of the Holy Spirit or you may have attended a retreat or camp with a guest Bible teacher or lecturer who covered the Scriptures systematically in some area. You need to give dates, times and people involved as evidence of your studies, the titles of books studied and a contact person.

If you can present your beliefs and faith in an orthodox way and can demonstrate that you have studied the Scriptures systematically over an extended period you may like to apply for a structured interview to satisfy this section of the application.