

CAJE St. Louis



Teacher Certification Program

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The Teacher Certification Program is sponsored by the St. Louis Central Agency for Jewish Education with the support of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and the St. Louis Jewish Educators' Council.

All descriptions and requirements outlined in this booklet apply to participants registering for the Teacher Certification Program during the 2010–2011 school year.

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Program Highlights

This program is designed to offer St. Louis area religious and Hebrew school teachers and specialists an opportunity to receive credit, leading to professional certification, for attending a wide variety of continuing education programs. The Teacher Certification Program (TCP) is designed to expose participants to a wide variety of Judaic topics and Educational techniques. To this end, each certification level has requirements in the areas of:

- Bible and Commentaries;
- Jewish History;
- Rabbinic Literature;
- Liturgy, Laws and Customs;
- Jewish Thought;
- Principles of Education, Teaching Methods, Classroom Management; and
- Teaching Judaic Subjects.
- **In addition**, a basic ability to read (phonetically) and write in Hebrew is required.

Benefits of the TCP program:

- Cash arrival bonuses for achievement of each certification level. **Maximum participant total: \$1,000.**
- Credit given for attending a wide variety of community education programs:
 - CAJE workshops,
 - CAJE adult classes,
 - Congregational adult education programs,
 - Florence Melton Mini-School, Melton Scholar Series, or other Melton Education Programs
 - Conversations with the Rabbi classes offered at the JCC in partnership with CAJE and the St. Louis Rabbinical Association. (Subject to approval.)
- Tuition grants for all CAJE-sponsored classes, workshops and programs.
- Eligibility to apply for available conference and special program grants.

Who is Eligible?

All St. Louis area religious and Hebrew school teachers and specialists are invited and encouraged to enroll in the Teacher Certification Program. Each certification level has a classroom experience requirement.

Certification Levels

(2 classroom training hours = 1 TCP credit)		Credits Required	Hebrew Proficiency (HP)	Teaching Requirement
Level 1	Basic Teaching Certificate	25 credits	HP 1	2 years
Level 2	• Associate Certificate in Judaic Teaching	63 credits	HP 1	3 years
	• Associate Certificate in Judaic Teaching & Hebrew Teaching	63 credits	HP 2	3 years
Level 3	• Certificate in Judaic Teaching	106 credits	HP 1	4 years
	• Certificate in Judaic & Hebrew Teaching	106 credits	HP 3	4 years
Level 4	• Master Teacher in Judaic Teaching	120 credits	HP 1	5 years

How it Works: Earning Credit

Each participant's credit application form will be reviewed by the TCP Coordinator. Decisions concerning eligibility of courses will be made by the TCP staff and / or Committee. Application for prior credit must be reported within 12 months of TCP registration. On approval, credit will be given for:

- College courses that meet the curriculum requirements.
- **Workshops, seminars, and classes conducted by Jewish educators in the community.**
- Completion of the Florence Melton Mini-School two year program will satisfy the Judaic requirements of both the Basic Teaching Certificate and the Associate Certificate levels.
- BA in Education will satisfy the Education requirements for all levels except Teaching Judaic Subjects and Electives.

Program Overview

Below is an overview of all of the requirements of the Teacher Certification Program. The number of credits required for each category varies with each certification level as outlined in the program outline chart. Under each general category are a number of course topics.

<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> CLASSES TAKEN IN ANY COURSE TOPIC AREA WILL RECEIVE NO MORE THAN 2 CREDITS IN EACH CERTIFICATION LEVEL. </div> <p style="text-align: center;">JUDAICS</p> <p>Bible and Commentaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible and Its History • Midrash and Aggadah • Classical Commentaries • God and the Torah • Writings and Prophets <p>Jewish History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient, Medieval and Modern Jewish History • Religious, Cultural and Social History of the Jewish People • The Holocaust • History of Modern Israel • American Jewish History <p>Rabbinic Literature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of the Rabbinic Literature • Midrash, Aggadah, Mishna, Talmud, Codes • Scope and Development of Jewish Law <p>Liturgy, Laws, Customs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure, Development and Content of the Siddur, Machzor and Haggadah • Jewish Calendar • Traditional Laws, Customs, Ceremonies • Jewish Life-Cycle Events <p>Jewish Thought</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles and Major Thinkers of Jewish Belief • Main Jewish Philosophers and their Contributions • Talking about God • Comparative Judaism • Jewish Medical and Civil Ethics • Contemporary Jewish Issues • Current Events 	<p style="text-align: center;">EDUCATION</p> <p>Principles and philosophy of education.</p> <p>Teaching methodology: Development of classroom goals and objectives, and motivating students.</p> <p>Teaching methodology: Classroom management, group dynamics and multiple intelligences.</p> <p>Teaching Judaic subjects.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">HEBREW PROFICIENCY</p> <p>Successful attainment of each level will be determined by a proficiency test.</p> <p>Level 1: required for Basic Teaching Certification and all certification levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic ability to read (phonetically) and write the Hebrew alphabet. <p>Level 2: required for Associate Certification in Judaics and Hebrew.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1 requirement – plus: • Elementary ability in reading comprehension. • Ability to write in cursive. • Familiarity with Hebrew vocabulary as it relates to holidays, customs, ceremonies and laws of the Jewish year. <p>Level 3: required for Certification in Judaics and Hebrew; also required for Master Teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 requirements – plus: • Intermediate ability in reading comprehension. • Elementary ability in oral Hebrew. • Basic Hebrew grammar. • Familiarity with the Hebrew vocabulary of Biblical and Rabbinic literature.
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Getting Started

Each participant enters the program by completing the TCP Registration Form and the Application for Prior Credit form provided in the information packet or on the CAJE web site.

Return completed forms to:

Shirley Wise—TCP Coordinator
 Central Agency for Jewish Education
 12 Millstone Campus Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63146
 Fax: (314) 432-6150 Email: swise@cajestl.org

Upcoming Course Offerings or Level 4 Independent Project, Contact:

Michelle Brooks—Director of School Services
 (314) 442-3774 or mbrooks@cajestl.org

Credit Requirements

	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3		Level 4
PROGRAM and CREDITS	Basic Certificate	Associate In Judaics	Associate in Judaics & Hebrew	Certificate in Judaics	Certificate in Judaics & Hebrew	Master Teacher
Teaching Requirement	2 years	3 years	3 years	4 years	4 years	5 years

JUDAICS

Bible & Commentaries	3	7	7	4	4	0
Jewish History	3	3	3	2	2	0
Rabbinic Literature	2	2	2	2	2	0
Liturgy, Laws, & Customs	4	7	7	4	4	0
Jewish Thought	4	7	7	4	4	0
Judaic Electives	3	4	4	17	17	6

EDUCATION

Principles & Philosophy	1	1	1	1	1	0
Teaching Methodology: Goals & Objectives	2	3	3	2	2	0
Teaching Methodology: Classroom Management, Group Dynamics	2	2	2	2	2	0
Teaching Judaic Subjects	1	2	2	2	2	0
Electives	0	0	0	3	3	8 credits Independent Project
HEBREW PROFICIENCY	HP1	HP1	HP2	HP1	HP3	HP1
TOTAL CREDITS	25	38 + 25 of Basic Certificate	38 + 25 of Basic Certificate	43 + 63 of Associate	43 + 63 of Associate	14 + 106 of Certificate
GRAND TOTAL	25	63	63	106	106	120
ARRIVAL BONUS	\$200	\$200	\$350	\$200	\$350	\$200