

*Certificate in*  
**FAMILY LIFE  
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**What do studies entail?**

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**How much does it cost?**

Tuition runs from \$35 to \$75, depending on length of course. Discounts are available for auditors and groups of four or more. Cost of books is extra for each course.

**When and where are courses offered?**

Courses are held primarily in the evening, year-round, at parish and diocesan sites. Schedules and registration are online.

**How long does it take to complete the certificate?**

Taking one course at at time, one evening per week, requires approximately three years. Certificate-seekers also may go at their own pace, taking fewer courses per year and longer to finish.

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### CORE COURSES

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**C110** Catechism of the Catholic Church (15 hrs)

**C200** Introduction to Morality (30 hrs)  
**C220** Introduction to New Testament (30 hrs)

### GENERAL COURSES

**G200** Pastoral Focus for Cultural Diversity (15 hrs)

### SPECIAL COURSES

**S110** Family Systems (15 hrs)  
**S130** Marriage Formation (15 hrs)  
**S250** Documents of Vatican II (15 hrs)  
**S265** Theology of the Body (15 hrs)  
**S270** Theology of Marriage (15 hrs)  
**S275** Church Documents on the Family (15 hrs)  
**S830** Spirituality of Family Life (15 hrs)  
**S1025** Pastoral Care of Families (15 hrs)

### ELECTIVE COURSES

*A minimum of 45 hours from the following courses:*

**S115** Family Faith Formation (15 hrs)  
**S410** Conscience and its Formation (15 hrs)  
**S960** Parenting for the Domestic Church (15 hrs)  
**S1010** Ministry to Families on the Periphery (15 hrs)  
**S1030** Mental Health Ministry (15 hrs)  
**S1085** Grief and Loss (15 hrs)  
**S420** Sexual Ethics (15 hrs)

*(Candidates may transfer up to 90 clock hours of equivalent courses from other institutions.)*

## How do I arrange to complete the practicum?

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