

SFD FAQ
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Thank you very much for your interest in the Spiritual Formation Diploma (SFD) offered by the Spiritual and Character Formation Center (SCFC) at CESNA! We look forward to your enrollment in our SFD program!

Q: How many credits can I transfer from Theological Extension Education (TEE) to Spiritual Formation Diploma (SFD)?

A: Since the TEE courses are offered to the general public while the SFD is a Master degree program, it takes 6 units of the former to replace a 3-unit SFD course, provided that the contents are similar. However, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) accreditation allows only 2 transferred courses at the Master degree level, i.e., 6 credits.

Q: How many credits can I transfer from Fullness in Christ Fellowship/Theological Extension Education (FiCF/TEE) Certificate program to Spiritual Formation Diploma (SFD)?

A: If you had taken two years of the SF courses that Pastor Mimi Yeh taught for the FiCF/TEE Certificate program, they can replace the SF110 course offered in the SFD program. If you had taken the courses “Holistic Personal Growth” taught by Dr. Anita Meng and “Biblical Foundations of Spiritual Formation” taught by Dr. Dora Wang in the FiCF/TEE certificate program, they can replace either one of the two same courses in the SFD program, and waive the other by taking a SFD elective course in its place.

Q: When can I get the class schedules in the SFD program?

A: The class schedules in the SFD program depend on the availability of our instructors, a couple of whom reside overseas. Our SCFC team will finalize all decisions regarding the logistics of class attendance & formats, schedules, course loads, etc. probably by the end of April 2023, upon recommendations of our CESNA academic dean and the SCFC faculty. We will then inform all potential SFD students of our decisions.

Q: Two out ten courses of SFD are required courses for master level for CESNA. Can those classes be waived?

A: Yes. All 10 SFD courses constitute the core (required) courses of the future MCS-SF degree program; therefore, all credits are transferable.

Q: Do I need to apply for master degree in order to receive the Spiritual Formation Diploma (SFD)?

A: No. You can apply directly to SFD or to take three courses as a “pre-student” status.

Q: If I miss one course during the program, can I take it when the course is offered in the next round?

A: If you miss it for the first time, you can take it when the course is offered in the next round. However, based on the course development and student triads/quartets for in-class and out of class spiritual practices, we encourage you to follow the program if possible.

Q: Can TEE students participate in the retreats?

A: Not currently.

Q: Will there be training for "spiritual directors"?

A: We will assess if we have enough faculties and potential students and decide in two years.

Q: Who should I contact if I have questions regarding tuition or application?

A: Please contact Alice Chiang at alicechiang@cesna.edu (626-917-9482 ext. 147).

Q: Who should I contact if I have questions regarding the program of SFD?

A: Please contact Joyce Chen at joycechen@cesna.edu (626-917-9482 ext. 267) or Dora Wang at dorawang@cesna.edu or (626-917-9482 ext. 271).