



Micro-Credential for Ministry with Children

A new way to learn, grow, and strengthen ministry

APCE Members and Friends,

We are excited to introduce a new learning opportunity from APCE: Building Blocks of Faith Formation for a New Generation, an APCE Micro-Credential program.

Each year, the Micro-Credential will focus on a different area of faith formation. For 2027, the focus is Ministry with Children.

A Micro-Credential is designed for people who want meaningful, practical education without committing to a degree or full certification program. No previous degree or certificate is required. No tests. No papers. No grades.

Instead, participants complete a 20-credit-hour learning pathway that combines focused learning, APCE Annual Event workshops, and an ongoing community of support.

How does it work?

To earn the 2027 Micro-Credential, participants will:

1. Register for the APCE Annual Event

Choose either the in-person APCE Annual Event in Portland or Annual Event Online. APCE Annual Event registration is required.

2. Complete Building Blocks

During registration, select Building Blocks of Faith for a New Generation: Ministry with Children and Families.

This required \$75 pre-event begins the Micro-Credential pathway and is led by Rev. Rebecca Davis, Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Tuesday, January 26, 2027

10:00 AM–6:00 PM

Portland or Online

3. Choose your workshops

During the APCE Annual Event, complete at least two of six designated workshops focused on children's ministry and faith formation. Participants may take up to all six and have them count toward the Micro-Credential.

4. Keep learning together

After the APCE Annual Event, participants will join a six-session online cohort over six months to reflect on what they are learning, put new ideas into practice, ask questions, and learn alongside others doing similar ministry.

Who is this for?

You do not need to be a professional Christian educator.

The Micro-Credential is designed for volunteers, Sunday School teachers, church educators, pastors, commissioned and lay leaders, and others involved in faith formation—whether they are new to the work or have been doing it for years.

The cost of the Micro-Credential program is \$75, plus required APCE Annual Event registration.

APCE members: who could you invite?

This may be exactly the continuing education opportunity you have been looking for. But we also hope APCE members will think beyond themselves.

Who in your congregation is already doing good ministry with children and families and would benefit from more tools, confidence, and support?

Consider sharing this opportunity with your church staff, Sunday School teachers, children's ministry volunteers, lay leaders, or others whose gifts you see. Congregations might also consider covering the cost of participation as an investment in both their leaders and the future of faith formation in their church.

Questions? Contact:

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We hope you'll join us—and help us invite others into this new opportunity to **learn, practice, connect, and grow.**

Blessings,

The Annual Event Mission Team

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