

F. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *Are courses from all universities/colleges eligible for the CSTC credit?*
No. Only those courses are eligible that are offered by institutions that are approved by the Credentials Committee. A list of these courses is included in the appendix of this handbook. In some instances courses from non-CSI affiliated Christian institutions will be allowed for credit. **In no case will courses from secular institutions be credited toward the CSTC.**
2. *How do I complete the CSTC requirements?*
Students who are doing their teacher's education program at an approved institution can apply once their program has been completed. For those who are already teaching, courses are available at most approved institutions, on-line or via distance education. Contact the OCSTA office for details.
3. *What is the relationship of the CSTC to the Ontario Certificate of Qualifications (OCQ)?*
Presently there is none. However, anyone who has met the standards of the CSTC has gone beyond the standards of the Ontario College of Teachers since the CSTC requires a teaching degree with four courses from the designated areas of study.
4. *Is the CSTC equivalent to an Ontario Certificate of Qualifications (OCQ)?*
Most Christian school boards consider the CSTC as the necessary requirement for teaching. However, to date, the Ministry of Education and the Ontario College of Teachers do not recognize the CSTC.
5. *Do I need a CSTC to be hired?*
An OACS school board can hire you without the CSTC but since both the OACS and OCSTA deem the CSTC to be the standard certification, you can expect your school board to request you to get the CSTC within a certain time frame.
6. *Isn't an OCQ and a commitment to Jesus Christ sufficient for teaching in an OACS school?*
The bylaws of OACS schools are based on a Reformed understanding of education. The standard of certification for teaching in these schools is the CSTC. The required courses are designed to enhance your understanding of the school's philosophy of education.