

Which Certificate Level is Best for Me?

COMPARISON	INTRODUCTORY LEVEL	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL	ADVANCED LEVEL
Tuition cost	\$99	\$350	\$500
Materials cost (estimated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVDs: \$46–\$120 • Study Guides: \$10–\$28 • Textbooks: @ \$25 • Discount applies to Ligonier products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textbooks: approx. \$300 (avg. of 12 books at an avg. cost of \$25 per book) • Discount applies to Ligonier products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textbooks: @ \$1,875– \$3,000; average @ \$2,250 (over the course of the entire 2–3 year program) • Discount applies to Ligonier products
Prerequisites (past study)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No prior formal study of topic • Little basic knowledge of topic • Willing and able to do some reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some prior formal study of topic • Some basic knowledge of topic • Willing and able to do moderate reading and writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant prior formal study of topic • Significant knowledge of topic • Willing and able to do heavy reading and to write a research paper
Average time investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9–12 weeks • Listen to 2 hrs. of lectures per week • Read 100–200 pages per month • Take 1 open-book exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9–12 months, • Read 1–2 books per month • Write 500-word essay per month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2–3 years • Approx. 90 books • Read approx. 3 books per month • Write 500-word essay per month • Write 4,000–5,000-word research paper
Faculty involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on tests and study guides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on assignments • Online discussion of questions arising from reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on assignments • Online discussion of questions arising from reading • Papers graded