

# *Christian Philosophy of Education:*

## *Course 2, Worldview Syllabus*

[Online course provided on ACSI PD](#)

### Course Information

- **Instructor:** Jerry Nelson, Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- **CEUs:** 5 Educational and 5 Bible (10 total CEUs)
- **Prerequisite:** If pursuing the ACSI Philosophy of Christian Education Requirement, [CPoE Course 1 Foundations](#) is a prerequisite to this course.
- **CPoE Certification Option:** This course is 1 of 3 courses needed to complete ACSI's Christian Philosophy of Education Requirement. Completion of all three courses is needed to meet the requirement.

### Course Description

In this new and revised Philosophy of Christian Education series (2023), multimedia segments and engagement activities present a foundation of teaching from an intentionally Christian perspective. Course 2 *Worldview*, the second of three courses in this series, defines and explores worldviews, explains a biblical worldview, and describes educational purposes from a biblical perspective.

### Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- define *worldview* and demonstrate an understanding of how a worldview is developed.
- understand, articulate, and apply the core concepts of a biblical worldview.
- describe the purposes of education from a biblical perspective.

### Course Requirements

- This full-length course requires a pre- and post-assessment, engagement activities, discussion forums, and formative assessments. All activities must be completed to receive credit for this course.
- The post-assessment for this course is an original composition, referred to as an “**artifact**,” that showcases your personality as an educator and demonstrates your understanding of a Christian philosophy of education. Your artifact should meet the requirements detailed in the course rubric, but it may be in any format, such as a written paper, an audio recording, a video, a blog post, an infographic, a slide deck, etc. If you are applying for certification through ACSI, your administrator must review and approve your completed artifact.

### Course Structure

This course is delivered entirely online through ACSI's online platform, [ACSI PD](#). A subscription to the platform is required. All the lessons, course materials, and resources are provided through the platform. The course is asynchronous, so learners may advance at their own pace.

## Recommended Course Schedule

Committing 1–2 hours per week, learners can complete this 10-hour course in 8 weeks.

Week 1	Getting Started + Module 1 Session 1
Week 2	Module 1 Session 2
Week 3	Module 2 Session 1
Week 4	Module 2 Session 2
Week 5	Module 3 Session 1
Week 6	Module 3 Session 2
Week 7	Module 3 Session 3
Week 8	Course Finish (including Artifact submission)

## Course Outline

### Getting Started

- ☐ Pre-Assessment
- ☐ Prepare: Course Artifact (provides information about the course artifact)

### Module 1: Worldviews

- ☐ Bassline (Scripture reading)
- ☐ Worldview Pretest

#### *Session 1: What a Worldview Is*

- ☐ Lead Sheet
  - Reading: Chapter 1 from start of chapter until "A Questions Approach to Biblical Integration" \*
  - Videos: What a Worldview Is, Types of Worldviews
  - Interaction: Worldviews
- ☐ Woodshed (worksheet)

#### *Session 2: Factors that Influence Worldview*

- ☐ Lead Sheet
  - Videos: Worldview and Its Influences, Philosophy and Worldview
  - Reading: Chapter 1 from "A Questions Approach to Biblical Integration" to end of chapter \*
- ☐ Woodshed (worksheet)
- ☐ Worldview Posttest
- ☐ Jam Session (discussion forum)

### Module 2: Biblical Worldview

- ☐ Bassline (Scripture reading)

#### *Session 1: What a Biblical Worldview Is*

- ☐ Lead Sheet
  - Video: Biblical Worldview Explained
  - Reading: Chapter 9\*
  - Podcast: To Think Christianly Part 1
- ☐ Woodshed (worksheet)

### *Session 2: How to Develop a Biblical Worldview*

- ☐ Lead Sheet
  - Podcast: Dear Teacher, Stop Believing in Yourself
  - Videos: Renewing the Mind, Developing a Biblical Worldview
  - Reading: Chapter 10, Appendix 2\*
- ☐ Woodshed (worksheet)
- ☐ Jam Session (discussion forum)

### **Module 3: Educational Purposes**

- ☐ Bassline (Scripture reading)

### *Session 1: A Holistic Approach*

- ☐ Lead Sheet
  - Reading: Chapter 2\*
  - Interaction: Curriculum Search
  - Podcast: To Think Christianly Part 2
  - Video: Nelson Family Discussion Part 1
- ☐ Woodshed (worksheet)

### *Session 2: In and Beyond the Classroom*

- ☐ Lead Sheet
  - Reading: Chapter 3\*
  - Podcast: Becoming More Intentional about Serving and Learning
  - Video: Nelson Family Discussion Part 2
- ☐ Woodshed (worksheet)

### *Session 3: Overcoming Barriers to Worldview*

- ☐ Lead Sheet
  - Podcast: Worldview Crisis! With Dr. George Barna
  - Reading: Chapters 4 and 5\*
  - Video: Nelson Family Discussion Part 3
- ☐ Woodshed (worksheet)
- ☐ Jam Session (discussion forum)

### **Finish Course**

- ☐ Artifact Submission (administrator approval needed for CPoE certification)
- ☐ Self-Assessment

\*All course readings are selected from the book *Undivided: Developing a Worldview Approach to Biblical Integration* by Martha E. MacCullough, Ed.D.

### **Other CPoE Courses**

- [CPoE Course 1: Foundations](#) 10 CEUs (8 Educational and 2 Bible)
- [CPoE Course 3: Biblical Integration](#) 8 CEUs (all Educational)