

Context: In preparation for the seminarian's future Pastoral Ministry, first year theology seminarians are inserted into the catechumenate program at a local parish, and participate fully in the Rite of Christian Initiation under the direction of a local supervisor.

What follows are the learning goals and the assessment tools St Patrick's Seminary requires for this Field Education experience.

Learning Goals	Assignments	Assessment
Be able to articulate fundamentals of the Catholic faith to uncatechized adults.	One hour of reading and study in preparation for each class	As an RCIA team member, the seminarian is active in the catechumenate meetings on a regular basis. <u>He is expected to make at least two presentations.</u> When not presenting, assist the presenter by speaking from your personal faith experience
Explain the Catechumenate process to others; including its historical roots, purpose and philosophical significance	Study key RCIA documents and resources including the RCIA ritual text and the Catechism of the Catholic Church	As an RCIA team member help catechumen as they begin and proceed through their faith journeys
Identify and describe the Ritual Steps of Catechumenate	Assist in the catechumen's preparation for and participate in/attend each of these major faith journey benchmarks: Rite of Acceptance, Rite of Election, Scrutinies (2), Easter Vigil—Full initiation (<i>depending upon diocesan requirement</i>) and Mystagogia	Participation and interaction will be assessed by the supervisor.
Reflect on and articulate your own personal conversion experience	Keep a personal journal of your past and on-going faith journey	Share your conversion journey as part of regular class presentations and interactions.
Demonstrate pastoral learning through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✎ Leading class discussions ✎ Preparing class presentations ✎ Interacting with catechumenate in positive, spiritually sensitive ways ✎ Discerning the nature and progress of each catechumen's faith journey 	Participate as a regular RCIA team member throughout an entire catechumenate cycle (through mystagogia)	Weekly participation and interaction will be assessed by the supervisor. Learning will be reflected in the quality of your presentations, class participation and two theological reflection papers.