

## Required Classes for Ordination

<b>NBC DEGREE CURRICULUM</b>			<b>MODULE TITLE TRACK</b>
English Composition I		<b>MPP1021</b>	Communicating with Spoken & Written Language
Introduction to Psychology		<b>MPP1191</b>	Communicating Christ Cross-Culturally
Introduction to the Old Testament		<b>MPP1001</b>	Telling the Old Testament Story of God
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Spiritual Formation		<b>MPP1061</b>	Practicing Wesleyan-Holiness Spiritual Formation
Intro to Christian Educational Ministries		<b>MPP1181</b>	Providing Christian Education for All Ages
Western World/Ancient & Medieval Times		<b>MPP1071</b>	Examining Our Christian Heritage I
Western World/Emerging Modern Society		<b>MPP1081</b>	Examining Our Christian Heritage II
Biblical Interpretation		<b>MPP1041</b>	Interpreting Scripture
Developing a Missional Church		<b>MPP1171</b>	Leading the People of God
Church Administration and Finance		<b>MPP1161</b>	Administering the Local Church
History & Polity of the Church of the Nazarene		<b>MPP1091</b>	Exploring Nazarene History and Polity
The Practice of Christian Ministry		<b>MPP1031</b>	Exploring Christian Ministry
Global Evangelism		<b>MPP1201</b>	Communicating the Gospel in a Pluralistic World
Pauline Epistles/Acts		<b>MPP1121</b>	Exploring John Wesley's Theology
Senior Ministry Integration		<b>MPP1232</b>	Supervised Ministry Experience
Doctrine of Holiness		<b>MPP1131</b>	Becoming a Holy People
Systematic Theology I		<b>MPP1101</b>	Investigating Christian Theology I
Systematic Theology II		<b>MPP1111</b>	Investigating Christian Theology II
Pastoral Care and Counseling		<b>MPP1151</b>	Shepherding God's People
Christian Preaching I		<b>MPP1211</b>	Declaring the Gospel of God
Christian Preaching II		<b>MPP1141</b>	Preaching the Story of God
Philosophy and Christian Ethics		<b>MPP1221</b>	Living Ethical Lives
Pentateuch or O.T. Historical Books		<b>MPP1051</b>	Tracing the Story of God
Foundations for Women's Ordination		<b>MPP9999</b>	Foundations for Women's Ordination

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## Pastor's Guide to Ministerial Candidates Process and Most Asked Questions

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## Questions and Answers to help Ministerial Candidates understand some of the nuances of the Ordination Process

### Where do I send my new candidate for information?

On the district website ([www.arizonadistrict.com](http://www.arizonadistrict.com)), go to 'Resources', then to 'Becoming a Pastor' then scroll down to 'Obtain a Local License'. Click on 'Steps Toward Ordination'. We suggest the candidate download or save this for future reference. The local pastor then enrolls the candidate by contacting the District Secretary's assistant Brenda Mastin, [brendamastin@arizonadistrict.org](mailto:brendamastin@arizonadistrict.org).

### How many classes are required and what are they?

There are a total of 25 and we have listed both the Degree and the MPP (Ministry Preparation Program) from NBC. If your candidate is taking the local modular classes, they will follow the MPP example.

For your convenience, we have listed the classes on the back of this brochure. In order to be issued a District License, the candidate **MUST** have taken 6 of the classes listed on the back, including the following two: *History and Polity of the Church of the Nazarene* and *Doctrine of Holiness*.

### How do we apply for the District License and what are some specifics that we should be aware of?

#### Forms

The forms necessary to apply for a District License, both for Senior Pastors and candidates, are located on the district website under 'Resources', then 'Becoming a Pastor'. The information provided will show the forms for each step toward your candidate's possible ordination.

#### Divorce Barriers

If either the candidate or the candidate's spouse has a divorce, this will need to be cleared prior to receiving their District License. **The District Office must be informed while the candidate is holding a Local License.** The candidate's clearance is completed by the General Superintendents; meetings with the District Board are typically held in the month of October.

#### Designations

There are a few designations that need to be understood and clarified...

Full-time versus Part-time - the District follows the guidelines set down by the Pensions and Benefits Board, which is Full-time is 30 hours per week AND 51% of the candidate's income. Part-time is 30 hours or less AND earns less than 51% of their income.

#### Journal Role Codes

In order for the candidate to receive Ministry Hours credits (explanation to follow), the candidate **must** have the correct Role Code listed in the District Journal based on the beginning of the year, January 1, individual Annual Pastor's Reports.

#### **Church of the Nazarene Journal Role Codes:**

CED—Christian Education Minister  
CHP—Chaplain  
DA—District Assignment  
DIA—District Interim Assigned  
DS—District Superintendent  
EDU—Education  
ESR—Evangelism Service, Retired  
EVC—Evangelist, Commissioned  
EVR—Evangelist, Registered  
EVT—Evangelist, Tenured  
GA—General Church Assignment  
**\*\*PAS—Pastor**  
**\*\*PSV-FT—Pastoral Service, Full-Time**  
**\*\*PSV-PT—Pastoral Service, Part-Time**  
RA—Retired, Assigned  
RU—Retired, Unassigned  
SEC—Song Evangelist  
Commissioned; SPC—Special Service/Interdenominational  
**\*\*STU—Student**  
TRF—In Process of Transfer  
U—Unassigned

The following Role Codes will be the ones most likely used for candidates:

**\*\*PAS—Pastor**

**\*\*PSV-FT—Pastoral Service, Full-Time**

**\*\*PSV-PT—Pastoral Service, Part-Time**

**\*\*STU—Student (If this designation is used, no Ministry Credit Time will be credited)**

#### Ministry Credit Time

Ministry Credit time is the refinement of your ministry skills through practical application. The candidate is required to accrue 3 consecutive years in full-time ministry by indication in the District Journal or 3 plus years for part-time. The candidate **MUST** be listed as Director over a ministry in the Church Directory portion of the District Journal. Teaching classes, serving as an assistant, or other non-leading role will **not** qualify for Ministry Credit hours.

Please remember that **Completion of the minimum educational and experience requirements does not automatically qualify a candidate for ordination.** Ordination is a Privilege, NOT a Right.

What is "MCW"? Why is it important??

Ministerial Candidate Workshop is a weekend uniquely designed to provide licensed ministers a deeper understanding of their calling. The goal of the workshop is to help candidates identify personal strengths and gifting, receive focused guidance and direction, develop deeper self-awareness, review the Nazarene ordination process, and cultivate supportive relationships with district leaders. This is offered one weekend per year and must be completed within the candidate's first year of district licensing. **This workshop weekend is a requirement for ordination on the Arizona District.**