

Required Classes for Ordination

NBC DEGREE CURRICULUM		MODULE TITLE TRACK
English Composition I	MPP1021	Communicating with Spoken and Written Language
Introduction to Psychology	MPP1191	Communicating Christ Cross-Culturally
Introduction to the Old Testament	MPP1001	Telling the Old Testament Story of God
Introduction to the New Testament	MPP1011	Telling the New Testament Story of God
Spiritual Formation	MPP1061	Practicing Wesleyan-Holiness Spiritual Formation
Intro to Christian Educational Ministries	MPP1181	Providing Christian Education for All Ages
Western World/Ancient & Medieval Times	MPP1071	Examining Our Christian Heritage I
Western World/Emerging Modern Society	MPP1081	Examining Our Christian Heritage II
Biblical Interpretation	MPP1041	Interpreting Scripture
Developing a Missional Church	MPP1171	Leading the People of God
Church Administration and Finance	MPP1161	Administering the Local Church
History & Polity of the Church of the Nazarene	MPP1091	Exploring Nazarene History and Polity
The Practice of Christian Ministry	MPP1031	Exploring Christian Ministry
Global Evangelism	MPP1201	Communicating the Gospel in a Pluralistic World
Pauline Epistles/Acts	MPP1121	Exploring John Wesley's Theology
Senior Ministry Integration	MPP1232	Supervised Ministry Experience
Doctrine of Holiness	MPP1131	Becoming a Holy People
Systematic Theology I	MPP1101	Investigating Christian Theology I
Systematic Theology II	MPP1111	Investigating Christian Theology II
Pastoral Care and Counseling	MPP1151	Shepherding God's People
Christian Preaching I	MPP1211	Declaring the Gospel of God
Christian Preaching II	MPP1141	Preaching the Story of God
Philosophy and Christian Ethics	MPP1221	Living Ethical Lives
Pentateuch or O.T. Historical Books	MPP1051	Tracing the Story of God 1
New Testament Gospels	MPP1061	Tracing the Story of God 2

Arizona District
Church of the Nazarene
Ministerial Studies/Credentials

*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), go to 'Connect', then to 'Studies and Credentials' then scroll down to 'Local License Candidate forms'. Click on 'A Handbook for Christian Ministries'. We suggest the candidate download or save this for future reference. The local pastor then enrolls the candidate with the district office via the website.

How many classes are required and what are they?

There are a total of 24 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, one of them being History and Polity of the Church of the Nazarene.

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 'Connect', then 'Studies and Credentials' and then look under the heading that describes you.

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.** It will take from 6 to 9 months to clear any divorce barrier with the General Superintendents; begin the process as early as possible.

Designations

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

Church of the Nazarene Journal Role Codes:

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)**

Definition of Full-time and Part-time:

Full-time -

1. Ordained Deacon, Ordained Elder, or District Licensed Minister.
2. Various levels of pastoral service with a church
3. **AND** works 30 or more hours a week
4. **AND** earns at least **51%** of his or her income from the church.

Part-time -

1. Ordained Deacon, Ordained Elder, or District Licensed Minister.
2. Various levels of pastoral service with a church
3. **AND** works less than 30 hours a week
4. **AND** earns less than 51% of his or her income from the church.

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. 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, for those entering their first or second year of district licensing. **This workshop weekend is a requirement for ordination on the Arizona District.**