



Education Requirement for Candidates for Ordination

Application and Educational Requirements

By the time the applicant reads this page, he has probably already made application to the Christian and Missionary Alliance. He is in correspondence with the office of the Alliance South Central District. As a distinct and vital part of that application, he was asked about his education, and specifically his studies in Bible, Theology and Ministry (see note box on right). He was instructed to send for his transcripts. The District office will need these **before** processing the application.

If the District Superintendent approves of the applicant's transcripts, he will request that the applicant proceed to the Application proper at Called2Serve at www.cmalliance.org/serve. When completed, the District

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Superintendent will contact the applicant for an assessment interview before the License, Ordination and Consecration Council (LO&CC).

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All persons who seek to be licensed as official workers must have a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours of study in Bible, theology, and ministry from an Alliance college, Alliance Theological Seminary, or another fully accredited graduate or undergraduate institution.

The district LO&CC has the authority to waive or adjust these academic requirements when applicants for licensed ministry demonstrate an equivalent level of biblical, theological, and practical preparation for ministry. This academic requirement may be fulfilled through alternative study programs by Church Ministries.

The Alliance South Central has partnered with the LEAD Program for those who do not have proper theological education background (for more details, check out the LEAD program link found at the Leadership Development Page at the www.alliancesouthcentral.com). The completion of the LEAD program allows the candidate to have a full credit like a Seminary graduate and would then be qualified for an ordination interview before the ASC Licensing Ordination and Consecration Council.