

Follow Your Call

Steps Toward Obtaining Credentials with the Assemblies of God

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Getting Started

- **Transcripts Analyzed** - Submit previous school transcripts.
- **Baptism in the Holy Spirit** - Must be baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues to be credentialed.
- **Divorced?** - May need to go through an additional approval process before applying for credentials.
- **Pornography & Unbiblical Sexual Activity** - Must be free from these activities for at least 24 months.
- **Alcohol, tobacco, gambling, drugs, etc.** - For the sake of adhering to the highest of ministerial standards, AG ministers abstain.
- **Financial Issues** - May require extra paperwork during the application process.

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Education Requirements

- Minnesota School of Ministry (MNSOM) - provides a combination of self-study and one-day-a-month classroom experience to build a ministry network - mnsom.org.
- Berean Ministry Training through Global University - self-study online classes - globaluniversity.edu
- Assembly of God Higher Education - traditional 2 and 4 year degree options - colleges.ag.org
- All educational requirements need to be completed by December 1st for credentialing in April of the following year.

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Pre-Application

Go to mnaog.org/credentials

- Read the Credential Handbook.
- Complete the online Credentialing Pre-Application form.

This can be done before all classes and internship are completed.

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Internships

Internships are required for all 3 levels of AG credentials.

- Internships require a minimum of 9 months. An intern may take up to 2 years to complete an internship. However, it must be completed by November 15th to qualify for credentials the following April.
- Mentors must hold an Ordination credential with the AG.
- Internship Mentors must be approved by the Internship Director before beginning assignments.
- Register and obtain mentor approval no later than February 15th to meet the 9 month minimum timeline.

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Application Documents

- Access to application documents on MNSOM Moodle is granted to approved Pre-Applications beginning in May.
- Complete the Official Application through DocuSign and all other documents through Moodle.
- All paperwork is due by October 1st.

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References

Minister, Friend and Employer References are required for all applicants.

- List the references on the application
- Email the appropriate link to your references, found in Part B of Moodle.
- Your references will complete the online form and their response will be sent directly to the credentialing office.
- Completed references are due by Nov 1.
- All references will receive a follow-up phone call from district leadership before your interview in February.

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Credential Exams

To take exams:

- Complete Official Application
- Complete Background Check Disclosure Form
- Pay Credential Fee
- Background and Credit Checks Completed

Three exams are required for credentialing:

- Bible Knowledge (Certified & Licensed)
- Doctrine (Certified & Licensed)
- Polity & History (Licensed)

There is no exam required to Upgrade to Ordination.

Study Guides for all 3 exams are found in Part C of your Moodle account.

Exam Arrangements (choose one):

- At the District Office in Downtown Minneapolis at the end of October - on paper
- By Proctor (must have Proctor agreement filled out, found in Part B of Moodle) - on paper or online no later than November 1

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Credentialing Seminar & Interviews

Attend a one-day training in February, presented by district leaders and Presbyters

- All candidates and their spouse or fiancé are required to attend.
- The day will end with an interview with District leadership and Presbyters.
- The exact date and time of your interview will be communicated to you in January.

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District & General Council Approval

- District leadership prayerfully approve each candidate for credentials.
- All applications and supporting documents are sent to General Council for final approval.

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Celebration Ceremony

Candidates and spouses/fiancés are required to participate in the Celebration Ceremony during District Council in April.



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