

**EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS  
through Global University**

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**CERTIFICATE OF MINISTRY (Level One)**

Synoptic Gospels: The Life & Teachings of Christ  
Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine  
Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers  
Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Colossians,  
Philippians, & Philemon  
Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible  
The Local Church in Evangelism  
A/G History, Missions, & Governance  
Relationships & Ethics in Ministry\*  
Beginning Ministerial Internship

**LICENSE (Level Two)  
(New Program)**

Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective  
New Testament Survey  
Old Testament Survey  
Romans: Justification by Faith  
Introduction to Homiletics  
Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come  
Effective Leadership  
Intro to Assemblies of God Missions  
Conflict Management for Church Leaders\*  
Intermediate Ministerial Internship

**LICENSE (Transition Program)**

**Students who completed Level One (Certified) studies  
under the previous eleven-course plan will be re-  
quired to take the following transition program as  
Level Two.**

Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine  
Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers  
Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians,  
& Philemon  
Relationships & Ethics in Ministry  
(or substituting Pastoral Ministry until available)  
Romans: Justification by Faith  
Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come  
Effective Leadership  
Intro to Assemblies of God Missions  
Conflict Management for Church Leaders\*  
Intermediate Ministerial Internship

**ORDINATION (Level Three)**

Prayer and Worship  
The Corinthian Correspondence  
The Pentateuch  
The Poetic Books  
Preaching in the Contemporary World  
Church Administration, Finance & Law  
Pastoral Ministry\*  
Advanced Ministerial Internship

(\*District-taught seminar. May be taught in a local church  
study center with district approval.)

**EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS  
through the  
District School of Ministry (DSOM)**

**CERTIFICATE OF MINISTRY (Level One)**

Introduction to Hermeneutics  
Prison Epistles  
Evangelism  
A/G History, Missions and Governance  
Synoptic Gospels  
Intro to Pentecostal Doctrine  
Relationships & Ethics  
Acts  
Beginning Internship

**LICENSE (Level Two)**

Eschatology  
Missions  
Intro to Theology  
Romans  
New Testament Survey  
Introduction to Homiletics  
Old Testament Survey  
Leadership Skills  
Conflict Resolution  
Intermediate Internship

**ORDINATION (Level Three)**

Corinthians  
Preaching in Context  
Church Administration, Law and Finance  
Prayer & Worship  
Pastoral Ministry  
The Poetic Books  
Pentateuch  
Advanced Internship

For more info on DSOM visit [www.penflorida.org](http://www.penflorida.org). Go to  
"Departments" then "District School of Ministry". Or contact Arnold  
Lastinger at 352.331.2494 or [Arnold@lastinger.us](mailto:Arnold@lastinger.us).

**Educational Requirements Through an Assemblies  
of God Approved College or University  
(for those with a Bible or Religion related major)**

**Certificate of Ministry**

A minimum of 48 credit hours (not including transfers  
credits from non-AG schools)

**License**

A minimum of 72 credit hours (not including transfers  
credits from non-AG schools)

**Ordination**

A BS or BA.

**For those with majors not related to Bible or  
religion, evaluation is on a course by course basis.**

# PEN-FL District Council of the A/G CREDENTIALING INFORMATION



◆ *Certified Minister*

◆ *Licensed Minister*

◆ *Ordained Minister*

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## CREDENTIAL APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Submit a letter to **Rev. Steve Powell, District Secretary**, & include the following information:
  - What is your calling?
  - Describe ministry involvement and plans (past, present & future).
  - In what way are you proclaiming the gospel?
  - Why do you desire credentials with the A/G?
  - What is your legal residency status?
  - What level of credential do you wish to obtain?
  - Are all educational requirements completed for the level of credential for which you are applying?
2. Order your transcript(s) from any college you have attended & request them to be sent directly to our office.
3. Upon recognition of need for credentials, we will respond with a credentialing packet.
4. The packet must be returned to our office **no later than February 1 or September 1**, depending on the credential period for which you are applying. A **non-refundable** processing fee of **\$200.00** must also accompany the completed application packet.
5. This packet will be reviewed & we will then send the credential exam to the Presbyter, who will contact you to come in & take the exam. If there are no questions with regard to your exam, you will not hear from our office until approximately one month prior to the presbytery meeting.
6. Your exam & file will be sent to a Screening Committee who will review it in detail and make a recommendation to the Sectional Committee.

7. Your file will then be sent to your Presbyter & Sectional Committee. They will contact you for a personal interview. **This interview is mandatory.** If married, your spouse should accompany you to this interview.
8. If approved by the Sectional Committee you will be notified by the district office to appear before the Presbytery for approval. This notice will come in the form of an **"Order of the Day" approximately** two weeks prior to the District Presbytery meeting. **Your appearance before the Presbytery will be mandatory. (Check with the office for the exact date.)** A Commissioning Banquet is held after the interview with the Presbytery. If married, your spouse should accompany you to this meeting.
9. All applications & supporting documents will then be sent to the General Council in Springfield, Missouri, for final approval.
10. You will receive your Fellowship Card & certificate within a minimum of 8 - 12 weeks from the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

**PLEASE NOTE:** **New Credential** applicants will be entertained only twice a year; in January & June. The deadlines for turning in the completed application packet are as follows:  
**\*September 1—  
Deadline for January Presbytery**  
**\*February 1—  
Deadline for June Presbytery**

Notice: Credential Advancements (i.e. Certified to License, or License to Ordination) are processed annually, and an application packet may be obtained during the minister's annual sectional interview in August. Please contact the District Office for more information.

## MINIMAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR CREDENTIALS

1. A minimum of 18 years of age.
2. Saved for a minimum of one year.
3. Must be an active member of an Assemblies of God church for at least one year.
4. Evidence of a divine call.
5. Baptized in the Holy Ghost with the initial physical evidence of speaking in tongues, according to Acts 2:4.
6. Manifest a reasonable ability for a future successful ministry.
7. Must have completed the minimum prescribed courses for level of application as listed in this brochure.
8. If divorced & remarried, must apply for Pre-Conversion Divorce or Annulment before credentials are processed. This is also applicable to the spouse. (\$100.00 non-refundable fee)
9. **Must have an "active" ministry.**
10. For License one must have a clear evidence of a divine call, character and preparation suitable for that calling, practical ministry experience, and an **evident purpose to devote one's life** in service to the proclamation of the gospel.
10. To qualify for ordination, one must be at least 23 years of age & have held license for two consecutive years.