

## EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

### CERTIFICATE OF MINISTRY (LEVEL ONE)

Synoptic Gospels  
Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine  
Acts  
Prison Epistles  
Introduction to Hermeneutics  
The Local Church in Evangelism  
A/G History, Missions, & Governance  
Relationships & Ethics in Ministry  
The Spirit-Empowered Church  
Beginning Ministerial Internship

### LICENSE (LEVEL TWO)

Introduction to Theology  
New Testament Survey  
Old Testament Survey  
Romans: Justification by Faith  
Introduction to Homiletics  
Eschatology  
Intro to Missions  
Conflict Management  
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

## A/G APPROVED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

### CERTIFICATE OF MINISTRY

A minimum of 48 credit hours toward a religion or Bible related major (not including transfers credits from non-AG schools) OR any graduate in any major (including non-Biblical/non-Church Ministries majors).

### LICENSE

A minimum of 72 credit hours towards a religion or Bible related major (not including transfers credits from non-AG schools), or any non-Bible/non-Church Ministries major with at least 24 hours in Bible and Theology.

### ORDINATION

A minimum of 96 hours of study toward a religion or Bible related degree, or any non-Bible/non-Church Ministries major with at least 24 hours in Bible and Theology.

Courses from non-A/G schools will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### DISTRICT SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (DSOM)

[www.penflorida.org/dsom](http://www.penflorida.org/dsom)

863.683.5726, ext. 245

[nsmith@penflorida.org](mailto:nsmith@penflorida.org)

### GLOBAL UNIVERSITY / BERAN SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE

1-800-443-1083

[www.globaluniversity.edu](http://www.globaluniversity.edu)

A/G APPROVED COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES LIST

<http://colleges.ag.org/>

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FLORIDA  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

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## 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 marriage entanglement exception before credentials are processed. This is also applicable to the spouse. (\$100.00 non-refundable fee). Contact Yohanna at ext. 225.
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.
11. To qualify for ordination, one must be at least 23 years of age & have held license for two consecutive years immediately prior to applying for ordination.

## CREDENTIAL APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- ◆ Certified Minister
  - ◆ Licensed Minister
  - ◆ Ordained Minister
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 that they 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 1st or September 1st**, 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.
  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" no later than** 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 and banquet.
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 from the General Council of the Assemblies of God within approximately 8 – 12 weeks.

**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 1st for January Presbytery
- \*February 1st 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 or visit our website at [www.penflorida.org](http://www.penflorida.org) and look under "Resources" and "Ministerial Credentials" for "Credential Advancement" information.