The right of graduation from the School of Religious/Metaphysical Science is granted when you provide evidence of comprehending and demonstrating the necessary skills. This evidence is more than spending a certain length of time in training and completing designated course. Evidence of being prepared as a metaphysical practitioner emphasizes spiritual, mental, and emotional maturity; devotion to a life-style of service to others; metaphysical, spiritual and intellectual clarity about the purpose and meaning religious/metaphysical sciences; and the demonstrated skills to work effectively with people, organize one’s own life, and understand administrative responsibilities appropriate to your chosen field of service. Specific requirements are:

1. The satisfactory completion of a minimum of 120 credits of work over a minimum period of three calendar years. This includes the necessary internship of 7.5 credit hours (112.5 contact hours) to be performed during this period.

2. Any additional requirements that the faculty may assess as a result of reviews or conferences.

3. All work counted toward the hours required for graduation must be completed with the grade of E (excellent) or S (satisfactory).

4. Evidence of such metaphysical, spiritual, mental, and emotional maturity as will support the judgment, by the faculty, of your readiness and fitness to practice the metaphysical/spiritual ministry.

5. Recommendation of the faculty.

Graduation from the CMS School of Religious/Metaphysical Sciences does not mean automatic licensing or ordination as a metaphysical practitioner. A student who successfully completes the prescribed three-year course of study shall receive a diploma entitled Bachelor of Religious/Metaphysical Sciences. (See Internship, Licensing and Ordination for Certification Programs.)

**Internship, Licensing and Ordination**

A student who successfully completes the prescribed three-year course of study shall receive a diploma entitled Bachelor of Religious/Metaphysical Science.

Students may begin their internship program after completion of the first year of course work. Once accepted into the intern program the student will then spend the year developing and demonstrating skills as a metaphysical practitioner by performing such duties under the supervision of faculty advisor or ordained minister.

The student is required to perform 112.5 hours of service time (7.5 credit hours), as prescribed by the faculty advisor. At the successful completion of the internship program, and upon recommendation of the faculty advisor, CMS certified teacher or ordained minister, the student will receive a Bachelor of Religious/Metaphysical Science degree from The College of Metaphysical Studies. The internship can include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Serve as a classroom monitor.

2. Develop and teach a workshop in one area of either Metaphysical Studies, Theology or Spiritual Science Studies.

3. Assist a senior minister and/or CMS senior teacher in preparing and teaching a lecture.
4. Any combination of the above or other projects approved by the CMS.

It should be understood that the internship is designed to test "on site" skills of the student, to place the trainee in a situation requiring accountability to a congregation or other group.

During the internship the student should make monthly reports (or arrange monthly conferences) with their supervisor to assess progress. Special evaluation forms are provided the supervisor and must be returned to the CMS before service credit can be granted.

At the conclusion of the internship the student is a candidate for a Bachelor of Religious/Metaphysical Science degree. Certification is not an honor automatically conferred after completing course work and the internship program. The quality of the candidate’s work is assessed by CMS. An interview with candidates may be required bestowing the Bachelor of Religious/Metaphysical Science degree, and CMS reserves the right to do so.