



The College of Metaphysical Studies

Philosophy Studies Bachelor of Religious Spiritual Philosophy Standards for Graduation

Graduation from the School of Philosophy is granted when you provide evidence of comprehending religious and spiritual philosophy. This evidence is more than spending a certain length of time in training and completing designated courses. Evidence of being prepared to understand and teach philosophy 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 of religious/spiritual philosophy; 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 an internship of 12 credit hours (180 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 as a spiritual philosophy teacher.
5. Recommendation of the faculty.

Graduation from the CMS School of Philosophy does not mean automatic certification as a metaphysical practitioner, teacher, or administrator. A student who successfully completes the prescribed three-year course of study shall receive a degree entitled Bachelor of Religious Spiritual Philosophy. Individual Intern Programs will be customized to the availability of each student by the CMS faculty advisor. Service hours performed will be converted to credit hours and entered on the official student transcript.

Internship and Certification

A student successfully completing the prescribed three-year course of study shall receive a diploma entitled Bachelor of Religious/Spiritual Philosophy. Students may begin their internship program after the first year of course work is complete. If accepted to the intern program the student will then spend the remaining time developing skills and understanding religious spiritual philosophy by performing duties under the supervision of a faculty advisor or a CMS certified teacher, or ordained minister. A student is required to perform 180 hours (12 credit hours) of service time 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 Religious/Spiritual Philosophy certification from the New Awareness Ministries, International. The internship can include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Prepare and conduct a minimum of four (4) healing services.
2. Conduct a minimum of four (4) message circles.
3. Develop and teach a workshop on any chosen area of the spiritualism curriculum.
4. Any combination of the above or other projects approved by the CMS.

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 year the student should make monthly reports (or arrange monthly conferences) with their supervisor to assess progress.

At the conclusion of the internship, the student is a candidate for certification by NAMI. 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 NAMI and CMS that may also interview candidates before bestowing certification and hereby so reserves the right to do so. See Certification Policy.