



The College of Metaphysical Studies

School of Ministerial Education Pastoral Studies Bachelor of Religious/Metaphysical Sciences, Pastoral Studies Standards for Graduation

The right of graduation from the Ministerial Education Program is granted when you provide evidence of being prepared to practice the metaphysical/spiritual minister. This evidence is more than spending a certain length of time in training and completing designated course. Evidence of being prepared to practice the ministry 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 the ministry; 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 (Licentiate Minister) of 14 credit hours (210 contact hours) to be performed during this period. NOTE: Four credit hours are to be put aside for the Pastoral Counselor rating, to be performed during this period.
2. The satisfactory completion of the Holistic Healing Arts Education Program (included in 1 above) and certification as a CMS metaphysical healing practitioner. Upon completion of this requirement the student may receive an invitation to become a CMS Licentiate Minister.
3. The satisfactory completion of Pastoral Counseling internship of 4 credit hours.
4. Any additional requirements that the faculty may assess as a result of reviews or conferences.
5. All work counted toward the hours required for graduation must be completed with the grade of E (excellent) or S (satisfactory).
6. 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.
7. Recommendation of the faculty.

Graduation from the CMS ministerial program does not mean automatic licensing or ordination as a metaphysical/spiritual minister. A student who successfully completes the prescribed three-year course of study shall receive a diploma entitled Bachelor of Religious/Metaphysical Sciences, Pastoral Studies. (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 for Pastoral Studies.

A student may also begin their Licentiate internship program after completion of the Holistic Healing Arts Program, as modified for the Ministerial Education Program. Once accepted into the intern program and having been certified as a Licentiate Minister the student will then spend the year developing skills and demonstrating ministerial ability by performing such ministerial duties under the supervision of the faculty advisor or an ordained minister.

The student is required to perform 210 hours of service time (14 credit hours), twenty hours of which must be hospital visitation and thirty-six hours in youth programs.

A student may also begin their pastoral counseling internship after completion of CMS course PC-100 Pastoral Counseling for the Spiritual Minister. Once accepted into an intern program the student will then spend the internship developing skills and demonstrating pastoral counseling ability by performing such counseling duties under the supervision of the faculty advisor or an ordained minister holding the P.C. certification. The student is required to perform 60 hours of service time (4 credit hours).

At the successful completion of the internship programs, and upon the recommendation of the faculty advisor or ordained minister the student will become eligible for ordination and/or the Pastoral Counseling certification. The internship might include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Serve as a student pastoral counselor.
2. Prepare pastoral counseling programs under the auspices of a senior PC.
3. Serve as a church administrator or assistant administrator.
4. Serve as a Licentiate Minister for a period of one year.
5. Serve as a metaphysical/spiritual school teacher.
6. Serve as a practitioner of a Healing Ministry.
7. Establish and direct a senior program, a community interaction program, a hospital visitation program, a series of workshops, a course of metaphysical or spiritual studies, etc.
8. 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 Licentiate internship that consists of at least one year as a CMS Licentiate Minister, the student is a candidate for ordination by the New Awareness Ministries International. Ordination is not an honor automatically conferred after completing course work and the internship program. The quality of the candidate's work is assessed by the New Awareness Ministries International and CMS. An interview with candidates may be required before bestowing ordination and CMS and NAMI reserve the right to do so.

At the conclusion of the pastoral counseling internship, the student is a candidate for certification as Pastoral Counselor (PC) by the New Awareness Ministries International. 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. An interview with candidates may be required before bestowing the PC, and CMS and NAMI reserve the right to do so.