



The College of Metaphysical Studies

School of Ministerial Education (Pastoral Studies) Bachelor of Religious/Metaphysical Sciences, Youth Ministry Standards for Graduation

The right of graduation from the Youth Ministry Education Program is granted when you provide evidence of being prepared to practice as a 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 credit hours of work over a minimum period of three calendar years. This includes the necessary internship (Licentiate Youth Minister) of 14 credit hours (210 contact hours) to be performed during this period. Two credit hours are to be put aside for the Spiritual 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 Youth Minister.
3. The satisfactory completion of Spiritual Counseling Internship of 2 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, Youth Ministry. (See Internship, Licensing and Ordination for Certification Programs.)

Internship, Certification and Licensing

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

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 Youth 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 one hundred eighty (180) hours in youth programs.

A student may also begin their spiritual counseling internship after completion of CMS course CP-101 Elementary Co-Counseling for the Spiritual Minister. Once accepted into an intern program the student will then spend the internship developing skills and demonstrating spiritual 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 30 hours of service time (2 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 Youth Ministry certification. The internship might include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Serve as a student spiritual counselor.
2. Prepare spiritual counseling programs under the auspices of a senior PC.
3. Serve as a Licentiate Youth Minister for a period of one year.
4. Serve as a metaphysical/spiritual school teacher.
5. Establish and direct a youth program, a community interaction program, a hospital visitation program, a series of workshops, a course of metaphysical or spiritual studies for youth.
6. Any combination of the above or other projects approved by the CMS.

Objectives

To offer College of Metaphysical Studies students:

- a. Assistance in determining spiritual and metaphysical personal and career objectives.
- b. Opportunities to develop a sense of responsibility.
- c. Hands-on practical experience in the school of learning and the workplace.

Expectations

Students will be expected to:

- a. Apply concepts learned in holistic healing courses to practical client situations.
- b. Learn to recognize and adapt behavior and dress to identified professional norms.
- c. Expand professional skills by developing techniques and applying methods learned on site.
- d. Communicate appropriately and work effectively with supervisors, co-workers and others.
- e. Model ethical standards and behaviors.
- f. Demonstrate enthusiasm and willingness to give quality work.
- g. Seek and respond positively to suggestions for professional improvement.

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 Youth 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 candidates work is assessed by the New Awareness Ministries International and CMS. An interview with the candidate may be required before bestowing ordination and CMS and NAMI reserve the right to do so.

At the conclusion of the Spiritual Youth counseling internship, the student is a candidate for certification as Spiritual Counselor (PC). 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.