

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE
BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY
EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

ELDER - FULL MEMBERSHIP

Bachelor's Degree, M-Div Degree, including the following:

Disciplinary: 24 semester hours of graduate theological studies in the Christian faith, including:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Theology
- Church History
- Mission of the church in the world
- Worship/Liturgy
- United Methodist doctrine, polity & history (2 semester hours each)
- Evangelism

Wisconsin Conference: One additional course in each of the following:

- Preaching
- Pastoral Care
- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Theology (Representing a focus other than the course chosen to fulfill the *Disciplinary* requirement.
- Multiculturalism (Class or other accredited learning experience)
- Christian education
- Ethical issues in ministry
- One unit of CPE (To be completed prior to application for Elder's Orders/Full Membership).

DEACON - FULL MEMBERSHIP

Disciplinary: Bachelor's degree, Master's degree in specialized ministry and 24 semester hours of graduate theological studies in the Christian faith

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Theology
- Church History
- Mission of the church in the world
- Worship/Liturgy
- United Methodist doctrine, polity & history (2 semester hours each)
- One unit of CPE (To be completed prior to application for Full Membership).

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION:

- Thirty-five years of age
- Bachelor's degree
- Certification or license in area of service (minimum of eight graduate hours)
- Basic theological studies (24 hours) & CPE as above.

Candidates for Probationary Membership and Commissioning must have completed at ALL of the educational requirements for Ordination except CPE by the time of Commissioning. This standard is higher than the Disciplinary requirement (See ¶324.4, 2004 Book of Discipline)

LOCAL PASTOR SEEKING PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP AND COMMISSIONING

(See ¶324.6 in the 2004 Book of Discipline)

All must complete Licensing School and 5 year Course of Study School (Full time pastors within 8 years & Part time within 12 years).

Requirements for Commissioning & Probationary Membership - (Forty years of age)

- Complete 5 year Course of Study School
- Bachelor's degree
- 32 semester hours of graduate theological studies or equivalent, including 24 hours of basic graduate theological studies; and, one course in multiculturalism* (Class or other accredited learning experience), and one course in Christian education*.
- One unit of CPE (Prior to application for Full Membership)*.

* = Required By Wisconsin Conference