

Certification in Specialized Areas of Ministry in The United Methodist Church

Certification in specialized ministry areas in The United Methodist Church is a denominational credential verifying a level of competency, and academic training and experience. GBHEM, annual conferences, and seminaries work together to provide opportunities for people serving the church to meet the standards.

Below are the educational courses required for each ministry area. **APPROVED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION LOCATIONS:**

Christian Education:	*Teaching Biblical Faith; Teaching Theology; Administration/Leadership; Teaching/Learning; UM Studies— History, Doctrine, or Polity
Children’s Ministry	*Teaching Biblical Faith, Teaching Theology, Teaching/Learning, Children’s Ministries in the Church, UM Studies— History, Doctrine, or Polity
Camp/Retreat (required Core courses)	Faith Formation and Christian Living (Bible course requirement); The Theology and Ecology of Common Ground; Ministry of Camp/Retreat Center Management; UM Studies— History, Doctrine or Polity. [Electives (choose 1): Biblical Foundations for Camp/Retreat Ministry; Developing Christian Camp/Retreat Curriculum and Events; Developing Environmental Education/Social Justice Programs; Partnering with Ethnic Leaders and Communities in Camp/Retreat Ministries; Fundraising and Financing for Camp/Retreat; Volunteer & Staff Hiring, Training and Supervision for Non-profit Organizations]
Evangelism:	*Teaching Biblical Faith, Teaching Theology, Evangelism as Outreach & Growth, Evangelism as Congregational Care; UM Studies— History, Doctrine, or Polity
Ministry with the Poor	Engaging the Bible in Congregation & Community, Theology & Practices of Ministry, Being with the Poor, Congregations & Communities as Partners in Ministry with the Poor, UM Studies— History, Doctrine, or Polity
Music Ministry	*Teaching Biblical Faith, Teaching Theology, Music Ministry Specialized Skill Development; UM Studies— History Doctrine, or Polity
Older Adult Ministry	*Teaching Biblical Faith; Teaching Theology; Ministry with Older Adults; Specialized Course to be determined by Seminary; UM Studies— History, Doctrine, or Polity
Spiritual Formation	*Teaching for Biblical Faith; Spiritual Direction/Companionship; Practicum in Spiritual Direction/Companionship; Spiritual Disciplines for Personal & Parish Renewal OR Prayer in Christian Ministry; UM Studies— History, Doctrine, or Polity
Urban Ministry	Engaging the Bible in the Urban Ministry Setting; Practical Theology and Ministry in the Urban Setting; Urban Community; Congregations and Communities as Partners in Urban Ministry; UM Studies— History, Doctrine, or Polity
Youth Ministry	*Teaching Biblical Faith; Teaching Theology; Ministry with Youth; Adolescent World; UM Studies— History, Doctrine, or Polity

*Teaching Biblical Faith and Teaching Theology courses are to be related to the ministry area in which you are seeking certification

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CERTIFICATION

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Approved Professional Programs Locations

Christian Education	www.garrett.edu	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
	www.mtso.edu	Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO), Delaware, OH
	www.okcu.edu	Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK
	www.smu.edu/theology	Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX
	www.pfeiffer.edu	Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, NC
	www.united.edu	United Theological Seminary, Trotwood, OH
	www.wesleyseminary.edu	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Children's Ministry	www.garrett.edu	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
	www.mtso.edu	Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO), Delaware, OH
	www.pfeiffer.edu	Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, NC
	www.united.edu	United Theological Seminary, Trotwood, OH
	www.wesleyseminary.edu	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Camp/Retreat Ministry	www.drew.edu/theological/um-courses	Drew University
Evangelism	www.bu.edu/sth	Boston University, Boston, MA
	www.garrett.edu	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
	www.mtso.edu	Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO), Delaware, OH
	www.spst.edu	Saint Paul School of Theology
	www.wesleyseminary.edu	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Ministry with the Poor	www.mtso.edu	Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO), Delaware, OH
Music Ministry	www.bu.edu/sth	Boston University, Boston, MA
	www.garrett.edu	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
	www.mtso.edu	Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO), Delaware, OH
	www.smu.edu/theology	Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX
	www.pfeiffer.edu	Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, NC
	www.united.edu	United Theological Seminary, Trotwood, OH
	www.wesleyseminary.edu	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Older Adult Ministry	www.united.edu	United Theological Seminary, Trotwood, OH
	www.wesleyseminary.edu	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Spiritual Formation	www.bu.edu/sth	Boston University, Boston, MA
	www.drew.edu/theological/um-courses	Drew University, Madison, NJ
	www.garrett.edu	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
	www.pfeiffer.edu	Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, NC
	www.spst.edu	Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO
	www.united.edu	United Theological Seminary, Trotwood, OH
	www.wesleyseminary.edu	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Urban Ministry	www.bu.edu/sth	Boston University, Boston, MA
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	www.spst.edu	Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO
	www.united.edu	United Theological Seminary, Trotwood, OH
	www.wesleyseminary.edu	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Youth Ministry	www.garrett.edu	Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
	www.mtso.edu	Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO), Delaware, OH
	www.okcu.edu	Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK
	www.smu.edu/theology	Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX
	www.pfeiffer.edu	Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, NC
	www.southwesterncollege.org/master	Southwestern College
	www.united.edu	United Theological Seminary, Trotwood, OH
	www.wesleyseminary.edu	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC

Approved Paraprofessional Programs Locations

Children's Ministry	The Academy for Ministries with Children	Alabama-West Florida Conference; leigh@awfumc.org
	Children's Ministry Leadership Academy	Kentucky Conference; sgfarm@bellsouth.net
Christian Education	eChristianEd	www.eChristianEd.com
Youth Ministry	Oklahoma Conference Youth Worker's Academy	lalalongokc@sbcglobal.net