

Virginia Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

Educational Requirements Worksheet for Provisional Membership & Full Transfer

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Theological School \_\_\_\_\_

The *Discipline* lists the following specific course requirements that must be included in graduate theological education prior to provisional membership in the United Methodist Church. List the courses on your transcript that meet each requirement. In addition, completion of an undergraduate (bachelor's) degree is required prior to any graduate theological course work. In the space provided below, list the name of the course and semester/year; list school if different than above.

- Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_
- New Testament \_\_\_\_\_
- Theology \_\_\_\_\_
- Church history \_\_\_\_\_
- Mission of the church in the world \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Worship/liturgy \_\_\_\_\_
- Evangelism \_\_\_\_\_
- A minimum of two semester or three-quarter hours in each of the fields of United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity.  
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- A course in preaching  
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In addition to the above requirements, the Virginia Conference Board of Ordained Ministry requires that all candidates for ordination complete at least 1/2 unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) by the application deadline for ordination as a deacon or elder and full membership in the conference. The Board strongly encourages completion of CPE prior to provisional membership. CPE must be taken at a CPE site that is accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). Online CPE programs are not accepted.

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Virginia Conference Board of Ordained Ministry strongly encourages completion of United Methodist doctrine prior to applying for provisional membership. The Board recommends courses in Christian education and systematic theology for all candidates.

**Full on-line MDiv now accepted:** On Jan. 26, 2023, the University Senate met virtually for its first bi-annual meeting of 2023. During the meeting, the Senate voted to approve a policy change that allows United Methodist students the opportunity to engage in a fully online Master of Divinity degree program. This policy change is effective immediately for all 13 United Methodist seminaries as well as Asbury Theological Seminary.

Although each seminary has the responsibility to designate which basic courses meet the core requirements and advise students of these courses, the conference Board of Ordained Ministry will have the final authority to approve academic studies. Questions should be addressed to the Conference Registrar, [JessieColwell@vaumc.org](mailto:JessieColwell@vaumc.org).