

Provisional Education Requirements Virginia Conference UMC

Candidate's Name _____ Applying for _____ Date: _____

The Basic Graduate Theological Studies (BGTS) (§324.4 The Book of Discipline) are required for all Deacon and Elder candidates. These courses must be completed at a UMC University Senate approved seminary. <https://www.gbhem.org/education/university-senate/list-approved-schools>.

The BGTS include seven 3-credit courses in Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, Church History, Mission of the Church in the World, Evangelism, Worship/Liturgy; and three 2-credit courses in United Methodist Doctrine, Polity and History. These may be taken as two 3-credit courses if all 3 subject areas are covered. **The Virginia Conference also requires a 3-credit course in Preaching for those on the Elder and Deacon Track.** All courses must be taken for a letter grade (NOT pass/fail). A "C" or better is required.

Clinical Pastoral Education (0.5 units) is not required until applying for ordination.

Please indicate below the course number, course title, # credits, name of approved seminary, and grade for each of these required courses.

	Course #	Course Title	# Credits	Grade	Name of Approved Seminary
Old Testament					
New Testament					
Theology					
Church History					
Mission					
Evangelism					
Worship/Liturgy					
Preaching (Elders)					
UM Doctrine					
UM Polity					
UM History					

- Final transcript reflected MDiv conferred
- Undergraduate transcript with degree conferred
- High school or GED transcript