



Details for Licensing School Tuesday May 24- Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Official Invitation

In order to attend Licensing School, you must receive an invitation from the District Superintendent or the Board of Ordained Ministry.

The 2022 Session of Licensing School is scheduled to take place in person at Shenandoah University: 1460 University Dr, Winchester, VA 22601.

Participation is mandatory at all events for clergy who are entering their first appointments-- licensed local pastors, provisional elders, and provisional deacons. Please read on for more details.

COVID-19 Protocols

The Licensing School planning team is considering pandemic conditions and is monitoring trends regarding COVID-19. The team will send updates as the dates for Licensing School approach.

Registration Link

<https://na.eventscloud.com/licensingschool2022>

Deadline:

Friday, May 6th, midnight. This deadline is non-negotiable in order to forecast appointments as well as needs for licensing school.

Cost/Payment

The cost to students in the Virginia Conference: \$275

The cost to students has been subsidized with a generous gift from the Board of Ordained Ministry.

The cost for students attending from other conferences: \$550

The online registration site will accept payment by credit card or printed invoice to pay by check. If a candidate expects to receive scholarship money either from their district or from their church additional instructions can be found on the website.

Location:

As mentioned above, in person, Shenandoah University, 1460 University Dr, Winchester, VA 22601

Please note: Check-in is not possible prior to Tuesday, May 24, at 8:00 a.m. Shenandoah's graduation will take place just three days prior. Their staff will need the time to prepare the rooms

for Licensing School participants.

Preparation:

On-Line Course Work

Some online learning will be required prior to Licensing School. If you have completed Methodist Doctrine and Polity, as well as Methodist Mission and Evangelism courses, you will be able to upload your transcripts and receive a separate assignment.

The Center for Clergy Excellence will purchase online classes from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. **Look for more information from the Associate Director for Call and Candidacy Rev. Crystal Sygeel as Licensing School approaches.**

Preaching Practicum

All participants will engage in a preaching practicum during the seven days. The registration portal will allow you to **upload the sermon** you will be using for the small group presentation and debrief. There is an entire page of the registration devoted to the preaching assignment. Please read carefully.

Licensing School Web-Page

The Center for Clergy Excellence will update and maintain a webpage where students can retrieve basic information as well as materials for the full week of classes. **Look for more information from the Associate Director for Call and Candidacy Rev. Crystal Sygeel as Licensing School approaches.**

Lodging:

Students, staff, and faculty will be staying on campus in Residence Hall.

All rooms are single occupancy and all rooms include a private bath. Because the Residence Hall can accommodate all participants no additional lodging is being offered by the VAUMC.

Meals:

The refectory on Shenandoah's Campus provides multiple options including options for those with special diets and/or health concerns.

Recognition at Annual Conference:

Those who have been approved for licensing will be recognized two times at annual conference:

1. Clergy Session 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 16 Ballrooms D,E,F,G
2. A Service of Ordering 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 17 Main Room
 - a. *The rehearsal for this service is Thursday, June 16 at 9:30 p.m.*