


Continuing Education

B U R S A R Y P R O G R A M

OBJECTIVE

- The Continuing Education Bursary Program has been established to help fulfill WOD's mandate to build healthy leaders and healthy churches.
- Our conviction is that to be a healthy leader, a credential holder must seek continuous growth and learning.
- The goal is to help credential holders continue to be educated for purposes of effective ministry and to help them qualify for the next level of ministry credentials.
- This is to be accomplished in an affordable and accessible way.

TARGET GROUP

- Current PAOC-WOD credential holders that possess a 'Ministry Related' credential but are lacking the 10 'Required Courses' to qualify for the 'Recognition of Ministry' credential (See Appendix A).
- Current 'Senior/Lead Pastors' who have obtained a 'Recognition of Ministry' credential by virtue of qualifying for a 'Senior Pastor exemption', but have not met the academic requirements of the 10 'Required Courses'.
- We also aim at providing these learning opportunities in multiple languages to help bridge into the lives of our cultural leaders and pastors.

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

- We believe there is benefit in providing credential holders options and varying models of education and training
- After surveying our constituency, results indicate that distance learning and online learning options are both attractive options for our leaders, specifically weeknight classes would be most convenient.
- Based on this feedback, Master's College & Seminary and Global University are two PAOC connected academic institutions that would serve these objectives best and either will allow credential holders choice towards the option that works best for them.

- Benefits to Master's College & Seminary: Offers classes via zoom with live interaction with qualified instructors. This educational option also provides the opportunity to not only connect and interact with a live instructor but also with other fellow students in a virtual classroom setting.
- Benefits to Global University: Upon application the student will receive their entire course curriculum and assignments and can work at completing those assignments when convenient without the need to attend specific classes on specific dates and times.
- Only students enrolled with either MCS or Global University will qualify for assistance.

KEY COMPONENTS TO THE PROGRAM

- Initially the 'Continuing Education Bursary' program will provide fifteen (15) \$800 bursaries to credential holders who complete courses in the 2021 Fall Semester.
- Bursaries will be granted on a first time first come basis to qualified candidates.
 - The student will be required to show good faith by paying their course fees in advance, as directed and prescribed by the school of their choice.
 - Once the student completes and passes the course, they will provide a transcript as evidence of completion.
 - When WOD receives the evidence of completion, the \$800 bursary will be forwarded to the student to reimburse his or her course fees.
 - [For the Fall 2023 Bursary Application - Click HERE.](#)

For more information or any questions relating to the WOD Continuing Education Bursary Program, please contact Joel Spiridigliozzi – joel@wodistrict.org or 905 637 5566 ext 303.



Educational Requirements for Credentials
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Within the total number of credits necessary in order to obtain a Licensed Minister or Recognition of Ministry Credential as set out below, please note there are **5 required courses**. A full course is worth 3 credits.

Licensed Minister Credential - Theological Education:

- A. Systematic Theology**
 - 1. Required hours: 15 Bible College credits or 12 Seminary credits
 - 2. Required course: **Pentecostal Distinctives**

- B. Bible**
 - 1. Required hours: 24 Bible College credits or 15 Seminary credits
 - 2. Required courses: **Hermeneutics**, 2 OT, 2 NT

- C. Practical Studies**
 - 1. Required hours: 18 Bible College credit or 12 Seminary credits
 - 2. Required Courses: **Pentecostal Pastoral Theology**, Missions, Christian Education, Leadership Development

- D. General Studies**
 - 1. Required hours: 21 Bible College credits or 12 Seminary credits
 - 2. Required courses: **Pentecostal History**, Contemporary Canadian Society, Church History, Ethics, Business Administration

- E. Ministry Formation**
 - 1. Required hours: 12 Bible College credits or 9 Seminary credits.
 - 2. Required courses: Internship, **Communication (Homiletics)**

Based upon three years of study required for either a bible college diploma (90 credit hours) or M. Div/or equivalent seminary degree (60 credit hours).

Recognition of Ministry Credential - Theological Education:

- A. Systematic Theology**
 - 1. Required hours — 9 credits
 - 2. Required course: **Pentecostal Distinctives**

- B. Bible**
 - 1. Required hours — 9
 - 2. Required courses: **Hermeneutics**

- C. Practical Studies**
 - 1. Required hours — 6
 - 2. Required Course: **Pentecostal Pastoral Theology**

- D. General Studies**
 - 1. Required hours — 3
 - 2. Required course: **Pentecostal History**

- E. Ministry Formation**
 - 1. Required hours — 3
 - 2. Required course: **Communication (Homiletics)**