



2019-2020 Catalog

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ENDORSEMENTS

The Potomac School of ministry (PSOM) has been recognized and endorsed by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God as a member of the Association of Assemblies of God District Schools of Ministry.

The school has also been endorsed by the Board of Directors of the Potomac District Council of the Assemblies of God as an official ministerial training program for those seeking credentials through the Potomac District Council of the Assemblies of God.

DISCLAIMERS

Courses completed through the Potomac School of Ministry credentialing programs meet the educational requirements that are required by the Assemblies of God for credentials of the General Council for the respective level of credential. Courses completed through the certificate program do not meet educational requirements for credentialing.

Completion of the courses, however, does not guarantee that a ministry credential will be granted, nor that preferential treatment will be given to those completing the required ministerial training courses through the Potomac School of Ministry. The credentialing of ministers is a process separate from completion of the educational requirements.

PSOM is a non-accredited Bible training center. While endorsed by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God for ministerial training, courses completed through the school may not qualify for college credit.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

“The Potomac School of Ministry has been created to assist those who either desire to grow in their personal biblical studies or to complete their coursework in the process of being credentialed with the Assemblies of God. Wherever you may be on your ministerial journey, The Potomac Ministry Network is committed to a process that will enable ministers to be better equipped to fulfill their callings. We look forward to partnering with you on this journey!”

Rev. Frank Potter
Superintendent
Potomac Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God

GENERAL INFORMATION

Potomac School of Ministry (PSOM) is a vital support to the ministry endeavors of churches and pastors. Knowledge gleaned from the classroom experience becomes a valuable tool that the Holy Spirit can use to further the purposes of God. Potomac School of Ministry prepares clergy and laypersons to be more effective in their ministerial leadership roles.

PSOM integrates spiritual formation, relationship building, and academic achievement to provide a unique learning experience. Students not only acquire knowledge necessary for obtaining ministerial credentials, but also develop character and skills essential for effective ministry.

Statement of Purpose

The Potomac School of Ministry exists to provide training for those sensing a call to ministry, whether as credentialed ministers of the Assemblies of God, or as equipped laypersons within the local church. The school seeks to promote a unified purpose for ministry within the Fellowship, providing doctrinal and practical instruction based upon common core values and shared ministry goals.

The Potomac School of Ministry subscribes fully to the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God, and commits itself to proclaim and support the principles and polity of the Assemblies of God. Additionally, the school commits itself to provide training courses that meet district and General Council educational requirements for ministerial credentials.

Structure

Classes are conducted once a month, nine/ten times a year. Courses in each program are offered each month. Students participate in 5-7 hours of classroom instruction on Saturday. A final exam is taken and scored during the final session.

Prior to class, each student is required to work through the course text and text overview. A minimum of 15 hours of preparatory work is necessary. With the classroom time, students will have invested at least 20 hours per course.

The classroom format provides an overview of the material, practical applications, and opportunity for questions and discussion. Instructors use personal experience and a variety of teaching methods to make the classes interesting, engaging, and memorable.

In addition to the required classes, each credential level requires an internship that has reading, text overview, and mentoring.

Administration and Faculty

PSOM is proud of its faculty and staff. Instructors are limited to ordained ministers and/or college professors. Faculty members become natural mentors as they build relationships and share experiences with their students. They represent many years of cumulative experience in education, ministry, and Christian service.

ADMISSIONS

STUDENT POLICIES

- Students should register no less than three weeks prior to the class meeting date of the course they wish to take. Early registration is encouraged.
- Students are required to complete a minimum of 15 hours of preparatory self-study in advance of the class session.
- Students are required to read the course textbook(s) and to complete the course text overview prior to class.
- Students are to complete all assignments required for the course prior to the class session, and submit them at the beginning of the class. Students must attend class sessions, complete the required assignments, and successfully pass the course exam in order to receive credit for the course. (Grade = Attendance, 20%; Text Overview, 40%, Exam, 40%)
- Refunds of tuition per class will be given if written notification is received by the PSOM office three weeks prior to the class date. Registration and enrollment fees are non-refundable.
 - *PSOM reserves the right to grant exceptions to the above policies based on medical and emergency situations.*

Student Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Honor

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a Christ like and biblical manner at all times, in both their personal conduct and pursuit of their studies, striving to maintain the highest of ethical standards, including honesty and integrity. Failure to adhere to such standards may result in the student's dismissal from PSOM, subject to the decision of the school's administration.

In the classroom, students should be respectful of their peers and instructors. Behavior that is disruptive to the learning process and disrespectful to others will not be tolerated and will be addressed, first by the instructor of the class, and if necessary, by the administration. Students refusing to be cooperative may be dismissed from the school.

Students are expected to complete the required course assignments of their own effort. While it is reasonable and beneficial for two or more students from the same family, church or community to study together, it is essential that each student's work be his/her own. No students should combine their study results to make a common line of thought that appears identical on multiple pre-class session text overviews. Situations of this nature will be brought to the attention of the school's administration and will be investigated to determine if discipline is warranted.

POTOMAC SCHOOL OF MINISTRY 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMS OFFERED

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AG CREDENTIALING

- **WHO:** Those credentialing with the Assemblies of God at the certified, licensed or ordained level
- **WHY:** Learning to meet Assemblies of God requirements for credentialing.
Learning to increase effectiveness in your area of ministry
Learning for personal growth

CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (CBS)

- **WHO:** Lay leaders, teachers, lifelong learners
- **WHY:** Learning to enhance biblical knowledge
Learning to increase effectiveness in your area of ministry
Learning for personal a growth

CERTIFICATE OF MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP (CML)

- **WHO:** Lay leaders, lifelong learners
- **WHY:** Learning to enhance leadership skills
Learning to increase effectiveness in your area of lay ministry
Learning for personal growth

FORMAT FOR ALL THREE PROGRAMS:

- **WHAT:** Take courses credentialing and certificates
Take nine courses for credentialing (license, ordained) and certificates
Take ten courses for credentialing certified
- **HOW:** Apply: \$25 per program
Register: \$10 per class
Pay Tuition: \$100 per class
Purchase textbook
Lodging (if necessary)

LOCATIONS: Potomac Park Camp, Falling Waters, WV
Bethel College, Hampton VA

APPLYING AND REGISTERING FOR CLASS

STEP 1—Apply for the Credentialing Program or Certificate Program

Students will apply (online or by mail) separately for each credential level (certified, licensed, and ordained) or certificate program before registering for classes in that level. Each level or certificate requires a separate enrollment form and fee.

Apply Online: psomonline.com. Payment will be made through Potomac Ministry Center

Apply by Mail: Print application form (psomonline.com) or request the enrollment form from the PSOM office at 703-753-0300. Mail the enrollment form and payment (check or credit card) to Potomac Ministry Center, PO BOX 690, Gainesville, VA 20156

STEP 2—Register for Class

Registration Online: Students may register at psomonline.com. The course fee and the registration fee will be paid online as well. Register no less than three weeks prior to the desired course session.

- **OR** -

Registration by Mail

Students may print a registration form (psomonline.com) or request the registration form from the PSOM office at 703-753-0300.

Mail the registration form and payment (check or credit card) to Potomac Ministry Center, PO BOX 690, Gainesville, VA 20156.

Return the registration form and payment of fees no less than three weeks prior to the desired course session.

Registration is required on a class-by-class basis. Course materials will not be sent until all fees are paid in full.

STEP 3—Prepare for Class

Students will order their textbooks from any source they choose. A listing of textbooks can be found at psomonline.com.

Read the textbook(s) and complete the text overview as soon as you receive them. *A minimum of 15 hours of preparatory study is required prior to the class session.* A basic knowledge of the information covered in the textbook is expected when students arrive on campus.

STEP 4—Attend Class

Arrive for the class, prepared and ready to learn. Bring all pre-class assignments, completed and ready for submission. Food and lodging (if needed) at the class site are the responsibility of the student.

PSOM Courses of Study

Credentialing Programs with the Assemblies of God

CERTIFICATION (Level 1) (4 credits)	LICENSED (Level 2) (5 credits)	ORDINATION (Level 3) (4 credits)
Life of Christ	Old Testament Survey	Pentateuch
Ephesians	New Testament Survey	Corinthian Correspondence
Spirit Empowered Churches	Leadership Skills	Psalms
Acts	Systematic Theology I	Theology of Prayer
Intro to Pentecostal Doctrine	Intro to A/G Missions	Theology of Worship
How to Interpret the Bible	Intro to Homiletics	Multicultural Ministry
Personal Evangelism	Eschatology	Church and Law
Ethics in Ministry	Romans	Pastoral Ministry
Interpersonal Relations	Conflict Resolution	Church Growth Development
A/G History, Mission & Polity		
Beginning Ministerial Mentorship	Intermediate Ministerial Mentorship	Advanced Ministerial Mentorship

Certificate Programs (NON-CREDENTIALING CLASSES)

Certificate in Biblical Studies (4 credits)	Certificate in Ministerial Leadership (4 credits)
Old Testament Survey	Life of Christ
New Testament Survey	Ephesians
Acts	Leadership Skills
Intro to Pentecostal Doctrine	Intro to Pentecostal Doctrine
How to Interpret the Bible	Intro to A/G Missions
Personal Evangelism	Personal Evangelism
Eschatology	Ethics in Ministry
Romans	Interpersonal Relations
A/G History, Mission & Polity	A/G History, Mission & Polity

CURRICULUM

Acts

A detailed study of the origin and development of the apostolic church. The course emphasizes the Church's mission in its proclamation of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Included is an overview of Paul's missionary journeys.

Advanced Ministerial Internship

A practical ministry experience that fulfills the Assemblies of God internship requirements for credentialing at the ordained level.

AG History, Missions and Governance

A study of the historical development and governing policies of the Assemblies of God. The Fellowship's history in America and its worldwide missions program is told through stories of the personalities involved. Includes a study of the ecclesiastical structure of the Assemblies of God, with particular attention to the General Council Constitution and Bylaws in relation to credentialed ministers, local churches, district councils, the General Council, and doctrines and practices that are approved and disapproved.

Beginning Ministerial Internship

A practical ministry experience that fulfills the Assemblies of God internship requirements for credentialing at the certified level.

Church and Law

A study of American ecclesiastical law, addressing contemporary legal issues affecting churches and ministers.

Church Growth and Development

A practical study of the principles of church planting, growth, and development which focus on the various challenges and considerations in church planting, growth and development.

Conflict Resolution

A study devoted to the resolution of conflict in the local church. The reasons that churches become unhealthy and how God wants to heal them are examined. The lordship of Jesus Christ and His methodology in resolving conflict form the basis of this study.

Corinthian Correspondence

An expository study of First and Second Corinthians. Highlighted are Paul's responses to the problems afflicting the Corinthian church, the appropriate operation of the gifts of the Spirit within the congregation, and Paul's views of Christian character and ministry.

Ephesians

An exegetical study of the book of Ephesians with emphasis placed upon its doctrinal and moral teachings. Also highlighted is the book's theme of the glory of God in Christ and the believer's high calling to life in Christ.

Eschatology

An advanced study of the doctrine of last things, including topics such as death, Resurrection and Rapture, views of the Tribulation, millennial views, judgment, and the final state of the righteous and the wicked.

Ethics in Ministry

An examination of the moral principles governing human conduct in light of the teachings of Scripture. Special attention is given to the minister's personal and professional code of ethics, and contemporary personal and social issues.

How to Interpret the Bible

An introduction to various methods of Bible study, with special attention given to basic principles of scriptural interpretation. Emphasis is placed on devotional aspects of study for personal edification.

Intermediate Ministerial Internship

A practical ministry experience that fulfills the Assemblies of God internship requirements for credentialing at the licensed level including the pastor's call, preaching, teaching, church leadership, family life, and more.

Interpersonal Relations

A study of the issues related to personal relationships, with major emphasis given to the relational aspects of marital and family life from a biblical perspective.

Introduction to AG Missions

An introductory course in the science of missions. It is a survey of the theology, history and methods of Christian missions in general and within the Assemblies of God.

Introduction to Homiletics

A study dealing with sermon delivery that provides a hands-on approach to developing sermon preparation skills. The course content addresses audience analysis, the speaker's physical appearance, gestures, credibility, voice usage, and personality.

Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

An introduction to theology (its meaning and purpose) and historic Christian doctrines. Emphasis will be placed upon the *Statement of Fundamental Truths* of the Assemblies of God as the framework for this study.

Leadership Skills

A study of the principles of leadership, applicable to all phases of life and ministry. Practical applications are offered to help students use these principles in the local church situation.

Life of Christ

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus as recorded in the gospels and in light of the historical, cultural, and geographical settings of the first century. The course emphasizes the ministry of John the Baptist, the proclamation of the kingdom of God, the miracles and parables of Jesus, the passion, the resurrection, and messianic titles.

Multicultural Ministry

The principles, process, and problems of communicating from one culture to another. Special attention is given to the development of attitudes and methods enabling effective communication of the gospel to people in other cultures.

New Testament Survey

An overview of the books of the New Testament, emphasizing the key facts and teachings of each book. Applications to contemporary life and ministry are included.

Old Testament Survey

A study of the books of the Old Testament, acquainting the student with key facts in each book. The development of God's plan of redemption throughout the Old Testament canon is highlighted.

Pastoral Ministry

A study of the practical aspects of pastoral ministry, including the pastor's call, preaching, teaching, church leadership, family life, and more.

Pentateuch

An in-depth study of the first five books of the Old Testament. Highlighting God's personal relationship with His creation and the loving covenants made with His people, the study examines the Pentateuch's revelation of God's character and the requirements for relationship with Him.

Personal Evangelism

A study of the contemporary history and practice of evangelism in the church, with an emphasis on the techniques and methods used in personal witnessing. The course also trains students in the art of lifestyle evangelism.

Psalms

A study of the Psalms as the Hebrew-Christian prayer book and hymnal. The course includes a study of selected Psalms, noting the authorship, historical setting, structure, meaning, and spiritual application of each. Also studied are the classification of the Psalms, the Messianic applications and citations of Psalms in the New Testament, and their function in the Early Church.

Romans

A practical study of Paul's letter to the Romans. The course deals with the book's background and its relation to the rest of Paul's writings. The book's relevance to every day Christian living is a featured theme.

Spirit Empowered Churches

A study of dynamic church growth as portrayed in the Acts 2 church model: creating Spirit-empowered disciples who are involved in purposeful activities to change individuals, families, and communities with the love and power of God's mighty Spirit.

Systematic Theology 1

An introduction to theology and a detailed study of the following theological areas: Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Anthropology, and Soteriology, Pneumatology, and Ecclesiology.

Theology of Prayer

A study of biblical prayer stressing the importance and impact of prayer in contemporary life and ministry.

Theology of Worship

An exploration of the scriptural and theological foundations for individual and corporate praise and worship. Various styles and formats of worship are discussed relative to both historical and contemporary settings.



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