

Required Academic Courses for Provisional Candidates

ALL PROVISIONAL CANDIDATES: Verification of these successfully completed courses must be in your file before the BOM interviews for recommendation to the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry: Only work completed at schools approved by the University Senate will be accepted. The provisional courses listed may be taken in an interactive class online through the internet from United Methodist University Senate approved theological seminaries. Separate courses are required for each required course. You can find a list of United Methodist Seminaries and other denominational University Senate approved schools on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries website <http://www.gbhem.org/education/seminary/approved-seminaries>.

REQUIRED COURSES

- **Old Testament:** This must be a survey course. If a seminary waives this requirement because of work done in an undergraduate degree, the BOM exec will also consider a waiver. An OT course is still required. **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **New Testament:** This must be a survey course. If a seminary waives this requirement because of work done in an undergraduate degree, the BOM exec will also consider a waiver. A NT course is still required. **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **Theology:** Each candidate shall, prior to being interviewed by the Board of Ordained Ministry for provisional membership, have completed a seminary-level course in systematic theology. The theology course specified by the Discipline (§324.4a) shall satisfy this requirement only when it is a thorough survey course in systematic theology. **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **Mission of the Church in the World:** Each candidate shall, prior to admission to provisional membership, have successfully completed one basic seminary course in the mission of the church in the world in preparation to lead, equip, empower and connect the congregation to the needs of the community and world. The course should include the theological, biblical and practical foundations for the mission of the church. **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **Evangelism:** Each candidate shall, prior to admission to provisional membership, have included a course in evangelism. It is strongly encouraged that this class be intentional in studying the making of disciples in post-Christian, multicultural settings. We encourage innovative ideas for building relationship in one's context of ministry and creativity in adapting to the new challenges of evangelism that lay ahead for the Church. **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **Worship/Liturgy:** Each candidate shall, prior to admission to provisional membership, have successfully completed at least one basic seminary-level course in worship, this course to include an introduction to the history, theology, and practice of Christian worship, including Sunday gatherings, the sacraments, weddings, funerals, etc. This requirement may be satisfied through a non-credit course with instructor, content, and procedures approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry. **Course # and Date Taken:** _____

- **Church History:** **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **UM Polity:** **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **UM History:** **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **UM Doctrine:** **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
 - *UMP/UMH/UMD: at least 6 hours in classes combined. Some seminaries offer 2 -3 credit classes and some offer 3 – 2 credit classes.*
- **Homiletics:** Each candidate who intends to pursue ordination as an elder shall, prior to being interviewed for provisional membership, have successfully completed at least one basic seminary course in the theory and practice of preaching, including sermon preparation and critique. Courses not requiring personal involvement in the act of preaching are unacceptable. **The homiletics course must be an in class course, online homiletics courses will not accepted.** Courses taken by correspondence will not be accepted. **Course # and Date Taken:** _____
 - **Deacon Candidates will require a preaching course as 7/1/2019.**