

Required Academic Courses for Provisional Candidates

All candidates seeking provisional membership in the North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church will need to successfully complete the required courses and submit an official academic transcript for verification. All academic course work must be completed prior to commissioning. All academic work must be completed at a University Senate approved school. Seminary course work may be completed via in-class, hybrid, or online at approved seminaries. However, the North Georgia Conference expects students to complete at least one preaching and one theology course via an in-class or hybrid format and will not accept a fully online course for the preaching or theology requirements. Separate courses are required for each course, one course cannot fulfill two requirements. 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

UMP/UMH/UMD must be for at least a total of six (6) credit hours combined.

- **UM Polity: Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **UM History: Course # and Date Taken:** _____
- **UM Doctrine: Course # and Date Taken:** _____

Old Testament: Course # and Date Taken: _____ This must be a survey course. If a seminary waives this requirement because of work completed during an undergraduate degree, the BOM will accept the waiver of a survey course, not of the requirement. An advanced Old Testament course will be required in place of the survey course.

New Testament: Course # and Date Taken: _____ This must be a survey course. If a seminary waives this requirement because of work completed during an undergraduate degree, the BOM will accept the waiver of a survey course, not of the requirement. An advanced New Testament course will be required in place of the survey course.

Theology: Course # and Date Taken: _____ The theology course specified by the Book of Discipline (§324.4a) shall satisfy this requirement only when it is a thorough survey course in systematic theology. (NGA will not accept a fully online course for the theology requirement)

Mission of the Church in the World: Course # and Date Taken: _____ A 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.

Evangelism: Course # and Date Taken: _____ A seminary course in evangelism, and it is strongly encouraged that this class be an intentional study in the making of disciples in post-Christian, multicultural settings. We encourage innovative ideas for building relationships in one's context of ministry and creativity in adapting to the new challenges of evangelism that lay ahead for the Church.

Worship/Liturgy: Course # and Date Taken: _____ A seminary course in worship, this course should include an introduction to the history, theology, and practice of Christian worship, including Sunday gatherings, the sacraments, weddings, funerals, etc.

Church History: Course # and Date Taken: _____ A seminary survey course in church history, United Methodist History does not meet this requirement.

Homiletics: Course # and Date Taken: _____ The North Georgia Conference requires all candidates for ordination (deacons and elders) to complete at least one seminary course in the theory and practice of preaching. The course must include sermon preparation, presentation, and critique. (NGA will not accept a fully online course for the preaching requirement).