



# D-SOM

## Northern New England District School of Ministry

### Equipping and Training for Ministry

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## 2023-2024 Academic Catalog And Policy Manual

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### Offering You

- An avenue for ministerial preparation
- An opportunity for continuing education and layperson training
- A chance to network relationally with others across our District
- A time for personal spiritual growth and development



## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Dear student,

**God has placed a call upon your life to serve Him in ministry.** It is my joy to welcome you to the Northern New England District School of Ministry. We are honored that you have joined a learning community engaged in developing skills and knowledge for an effective ministry. There are several reasons to continue your education and ministry preparation.

1. If we take our calling seriously, we have a responsibility to grow in our understanding of God's Word and our ability to minister in the church. The people we minister too, will grow proportionately to our level of growth.
2. We are called to be a life-long learner (2 Timothy 2:15). The day we stop learning is the day we stop growing.
3. If we expect to remain relevant in this rapidly changing culture we must continue to refine our skills. Ministering to today's issues are more complex than it was a generation ago.
4. Formal classroom and distant education settings hold the learner accountable. Disciplines are learned and maintained.
5. Continuing your education can open new doors of ministry.

NNEDSOM is designed to meet the needs of busy church leaders. It exists to help you develop the skills, talents, and knowledge necessary to be an effective lay leader or minister. The courses offered through DSOM can qualify you for ministerial credentials. Our instructors will invest into your life out of their vast experience and knowledge.

Wherever you may be in your spiritual journey, NNEDSOM is committed to a process that will enable leaders to think biblically, strategically, and creatively in preparing you for ministry in a complex world.

Rev. Ed Shearer  
District Director





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## **Equipping and Training for Ministry in the 21st Century**

### **What is NNEDSOM?**

- NNEDSOM is a district sponsored and operated ministerial training program that enables individuals to complete the educational requirements necessary for becoming a credentialed minister with the Assemblies of God.
- NNEDSOM also prepares lay leaders for effective ministry in their local church setting.
- NNEDSOM uniquely combines home study, classroom instruction, the student's relationship with a mentor, and active involvement in ministry to set their ministerial formation.
- NNEDSOM seeks to provide the student with the highest quality instruction and resources possible in a practical and cost effective way.
- NNEDSOM gives educational direction, sets an atmosphere for impartation of the Spirit, and guides the student's spiritual development to equip them for effective, full-time ministry.

### **What are the benefits of NNEDSOM?**

1. Builds a strong biblical foundation.
2. Establishes spiritual formation and disciplines.
3. Builds lasting relationships.
4. Develops ministerial character, ethics, and integrity.
5. It is time measured and cost affordable.
6. Provides academic accountability.
7. It is practical in structure.
8. It is flexible and expandable in format.
9. Instills learning disciplines in study, time management, and lifestyle.
10. It is direct, hands-on involvement in ministerial training.

### **Is Bible College a better alternative?**

This is a question that only you and God can answer. God's will for your life may, or may not, include a formal educational experience. To determine the answer to this question, you should seek wise counsel from your spiritual advisors and then submit the issue to God through prayer and study of God's Word.

Education can take a formal or non-formal route. A ministerial formal education is done through a college or seminary which issues a formal academic degree at the end of the process. A non-formal education is usually done outside of formally organized schools and results in a diploma or certificate.

NNEDSOM is a non-formal route designed to deliver the elementary and necessary levels of education required for the credentialing process of the Assemblies of God. However, NNEDSOM is not an inferior education when understood as to its purpose. Even though NNEDSOM follows a non-formal approach, it is based on sound educational principles and goals.

Optimally, NNEDSOM is designed to engage the student in the process of becoming a life-long learner. Professional ministry, such as being a pastor/teacher, generally leads one further and further along the quest for knowledge. Students who begin with NNEDSOM



are encouraged to seek more formal education to enhance and augment their educational experience.

**Note: Completion of NNEDSOM courses does not automatically qualify you for credentialing.**

## What are NNEDSOM's guiding principles?

- NNEDSOM is NOT a college or university. Individuals who are able to attend college or seminary are strongly encouraged to attend an endorsed AG college or seminary! ([www.colleges.ag.org](http://www.colleges.ag.org))
- NNEDSOM is NOT an accredited school. Students must **not** expect that their NNEDSOM courses will be accepted by any AG college, Bible school, or other accredited college.
- NNEDSOM is NOT the same as Berean School of the Bible or Global University correspondence education. NNEDSOM satisfies the same credentialing requirements. Berean offers students correspondence courses that can be taken at any time and at the student's own pace. NNEDSOM courses are only available at specific times.
- NNEDSOM is NOT the same as credentialing. NNEDSOM certainly helps applicants meet the educational requirements for credentialing. Credentialing within our Fellowship is an altogether separate process with its own exams, application and forms, and interview. Students interested in seeking credentials should contact the District Secretary's office for additional information.
- NNEDSOM IS about helping those who want to grow in their understanding of the Bible and ministry. It provides the instruction, interaction, accountability, and relationships that are not available through correspondence courses.
- NNEDSOM IS for those who need to complete their educational requirements for credentialing within the Assemblies of God.
- NNEDSOM IS for laypersons who may not be interested in credentials or full-time ministry, but who want to learn more about the Bible and improve their ability to serve Christ and their church.

## Endorsement and Accreditation

The Northern New England District School of Ministry is recognized and endorsed by the Executive Presbytery Board of the General Council of the Assemblies of God as a District-Based Bible Institute. NNEDSOM is a member of the Association of Assemblies of God District Schools of Ministry.

## Statement of Purpose

Subscribing fully to the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God, NNEDSOM is committed to proclaiming and supporting the principles and polity of the Assemblies of God. Additionally, our 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 times a year, in a two semester format (Fall and Spring). Three courses are offered each month of the semester, one for each



corresponding credential level (certified, license, ordained). Students participate in five hours of classroom instruction on Saturday (9:00 am - 3:00 pm). Prior to class, each student is **required** to read through the course text book and complete the study guide. A minimum 10 hours of preparatory work is necessary. With classroom time, students will have invested 15 hours or more per course.

Classroom instruction provides an overview of the material, practical applications, and opportunity for questions and discussions. The classroom session ends with a final exam. Courses are taught by District officers and Directors, Presbyters, and seasoned pastors with expertise and experience in the field of study. Instructors use personal experience and a variety of teaching methods. Occasionally, Bible college professors will serve as guest lecturers.

### Cohorts

Since the goal of DSOM is to allow classroom discussion and peer interaction, we will be looking to form cohorts of at least two students to go through each course. If there are not enough students to form a cohort for a particular course at any of the locations that course will not be offered there during that semester. Students will be notified at least two weeks in advance if there are changes to course availability at their location.

### Class Schedule

#### Saturday

8:45 am	Arrive for class
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Class overview of study guides
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Exam
12 noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	New material
3:00 pm	Class ends

### Grading

Student grading is weighted according to the following scale:

Study Guides	40%
Class Participation	20%
Final Examination	40%

The grading of the student study guide and final exam is done at the district office. Class participation is graded by the instructor and immediately submitted following class to the district office. A certificate of completion is awarded to each student upon a satisfactorily passing course grade (70% is considered a passing grade).

**A NNEDSOM diploma is awarded to each student upon completion of each diploma level:**

**Certified    Licensed    Ordained**  
**Biblical Studies Diploma    Church Leadership Diploma**



## **Learning Center Locations:**

### **All class levels are held at the District Office:**

501 Riverside Street, Portland, Maine 04103

### **Certified Level and Licensed Level classes:**

Cornerstone Community Church

26 Bombardier Rd, Milton, VT 05468

## **Student Policies**

1. Students are required to register no less than four (4) weeks prior to class date for the course chosen. The course must be paid for at the time of registration. There are NO EXCEPTIONS TO REGISTRATION DEADLINE OR PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS. This is part of taking personal responsibility for learning and maturing.
2. Students are required to complete minimum of ten (10) 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 study guide **prior to class**.
3. Students are required to bring **two (2) typed copies of their study guide** to class, one to be submitted for grading and one to be used for classroom review. These are to be ready when the student arrives for class. Hand written study guides WILL NOT be accepted. Ten (10) points will be deducted for each day that study guide is over due.
4. Students are required to attend the five (5) hour class session. Failure to do so will result in major grade deduction for class participation. Failure to show for class will be graded as a 0.
5. Students are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to start of class. Classes start at 9:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM.
6. Students are responsible for their own travel, lodging and lunch.
7. Students auditing class only are not required to purchase texts or complete assignments and exam.
8. Students can be enrolled in both a course with Berean School of the Bible and a course through NNEDSOM. Courses completed through Berean are transferable to NNEDSOM for credit.
9. NNEDSOM will accept credit for courses taken through other Bible schools on a case by case basis. NNEDSOM courses may not necessarily be accepted by other schools.
10. Enrollment and tuition fees are non-transferable or refundable. However, if a cancellation of a class occurs as a result of NNEDSOM, students are provided the option of a refund or of transfer of their tuition to another course being offered.
11. Class dates are published well in advance to allow students to plan their personal schedules around NNEDSOM weekends. **It is the students responsibility!** When a student is unable to attend NNEDSOM, courses may be completed through Berean, the self study ministry training program of the Assemblies of God.

## **EMERGENCY ABSENCES**

If a student cannot attend all, or part, of a class session due to an unforeseen *emergency*—such as illness, family crisis (injury or death), or church/ministry crisis (parishioner injury or death), it is the responsibility of the student to contact the director



prior to missing the session. If such *emergency* occurs during class session, it is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor prior to leaving.

A make-up assignment relative to the course of study will be determined by the NNEDSOM Director and course instructor. The assignment must be completed and submitted within one month of the absence for credit for the course. If the student chooses not to complete the assignment, the student will not receive credit for the missed session. Final exams must still be completed.

### **NON-EMERGENCY ABSENCES**

Students who do not show up for scheduled class for any reason not listed above are automatically graded a 0 (zero) for class participation (20% of final grade) and will be receive a grade of 0 (zero) for the final exam (40% of final grade).

### **STANDARDS of ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Participation in the Northern New England District School of Ministry (NNEDSOM) requires adherence to basic standards of academic integrity. Any violation of these standards may result in disciplinary action ranging from lowering a grade to dismissal from NNEDSOM, depending on the severity of the infraction. This will be determined on a case by case basis.

**In addition, a notation of the violation will be placed in the student's permanent file, which is reviewed by the district credentialing committee (presbytery), during the credential processing with the Northern New England District Council of the Assemblies of God.**

The following examples represent some basic types of behaviors that are unacceptable. This is not an exhaustive list.

1. Cheating on the final exam.
2. Submitting work done by someone else as your own.
3. Copying or paraphrasing someone else's essays, projects, study guides or other work and submitting it as your own (plagiarism).
4. Obtaining or giving an unfair advantage by sharing completed study guides. NNEDSOM is a Christian ministry development program serving to equip men and women to fulfill God's calling on their lives. Christian conduct and character are expected among students and faculty and should guide all written and verbal communication and assignments.
5. Students are expected to complete the required course assignments by their own efforts. 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 or her own endeavor. Students should not combine their study results to make a common line of thought that appears identical on multiple pre-class study guides. Situations of this nature will be brought to the attention of the NNEDSOM Director and will be investigated to determine if discipline is warranted.

### **Disclaimer**

Classes offered by the Northern New England District School of Ministry meet the educational requirements for credentialing with the Assemblies of God. However, participation and completion of the classes does not assure **nor give advantage for**





granting of credentials or give preference in the credentialing process.

The credentialing process is separate from the District School of Ministry and is determined by the Northern New England District. Final decisions to award ministerial credentials is made by the credentials committee of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, upon the recommendation of the Northern District Council Credential Committee. Persons desiring to be credentialed with the Assemblies of God should contact the Northern New England District Secretary/Treasurer's office for further information.

## Registration Guidelines

- Enroll by completing the registration form. Either mail to NNED-SOM, 501 Riverside St, Portland, Maine 04103-1034 or Fax to (207) 878-2779. Registration for future classes may also be completed on site during any class day. You may also register online at [www.nnedaog.org](http://www.nnedaog.org).
- Payment must accompany the registration form. Make checks payable to NNED.
- Deadline for enrollment is four (4) weeks prior to scheduled class.
- Enroll for only one (1) course per scheduled class date.
- Enroll for as many courses in advance as you would like or enroll one course at a time.
- An insufficient number of students enrolled in a course will result in cancellation.

## Cost

- One-time new student enrollment: \$25.00
- Tuition per course: \$55.00 (study guide sent by email, or mailed on a CD)
- Class auditing only (no credit): \$25.00 (no exam)
- Textbooks responsibility of student

## Textbooks

The purchasing of required reading textbooks are the responsibility of the student. NNEDSOM will provide the student with sufficient information to purchase the text. This information is included at the beginning of each course study guide. Books range in price from \$15 to \$45.

### We recommend:

- **[www.agsom.christianbook.com](http://www.agsom.christianbook.com)**: NNEDSOM is partnering with CBD to make finding and purchasing textbooks easy and affordable for our students. Go to this site, choose our District (Northern New England), the program level and month, and the required texts for your course will be listed.

### Other Book Distributors:

- Amazon: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (can often buy nearly new or used - make sure you have the correct edition and revision)
- Books-A-Million: [www.booksamillion.com](http://www.booksamillion.com)
- Barnes and Noble: [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)

**Please Remember: The deadline for registering for a class is no less than four (4) weeks prior to class session.**



## Certified Minister Diploma

### CER 111 Introduction to Theology

Required Text: *Bible Doctrines: A Pentecostal Perspective* - William W. Menzies and Stanley M. Horton, Logion Press, 2015. ISBN 9781607313342

### CER 112 Synoptic Gospels

Required Text: *Jesus the Messiah: A Survey of the Life of Christ* - Robert Stein, Intervarsity Press, 2017. ISBN 9780830851850

### CER 113 New Testament Survey

Required Text: *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey* - Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough, Baker Books, 2013. ISBN 9780801039645

### CER 114 Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

Required Text: *The Holy Spirit: A Pentecostal Perspective* - Anthony D. Palma, Logion Press, 2008. ISBN 9780882437866

### CER 116 Old Testament Survey

Required Text: *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey 3rd Edition* - Bill T. Arnold & Bryan E. Beyer, Baker Books, 2015. ISBN 9780801049538

### CER 121 Introduction to Hermeneutics

Required Text: *Living By the Book* - Howard Hendricks, Moody Press, 2007. ISBN 9780802408235

### CER 142 Assemblies of God History, Missions, and Governance

Required Text: *People of the Spirit* - Gary McGee, GPH, 2014. ISBN 9781607313755

### CER 143 Spirit Empowered Churches

Required Text: *A Spirit Empowered Church: An Acts 2 Ministry Model* - Alton Garrison, Influence Resources, 2015. ISBN 9781681540016

### CER 181 Relationships and Ethics in Ministry

Required Text: *Ethics for Christian Ministry: Moral Formation for 21st Century Church Leaders* - Joe Trull and R. Robert Creech, Baker Academic, 2017. ISBN 9780801098314

### CER 191 Ministry Internship Program (required for credentials)

Pre-requisites: Complete at least three (3) courses at appropriate level, and complete and submit all required application forms for approval before beginning the mentoring program.

**See Ministry Internship Program in this catalog for details.**



## License Diploma

### LIC 215 Romans

Required Text: *Encountering the Book of Romans* – Douglas Moo, Baker Books, 2014.  
**ISBN 9780801049668**

### LIC 216 Acts

Required Text: *Acts: Logion Commentary* - Stanley Horton, GPH, 2001.  
**ISBN 9781607311393**

### LIC 217 Prison Epistles

Required Text: *The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Revised Edition. Vol 12, Ephesians - Philemon* - Tremper Longman, III and David Garland general Editors, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 2005. **ISBN 9780310235033**

### LIC 223 Introduction to Homiletics

Required Text: *The 12 Essentials Skills for Great Preaching - Second Edition.* – Wayne McDill, Broadman & Holman, 2018. **ISBN 9781535913362**

### LIC 225 Evangelism

Required Text: *Becoming a Contagious Church* - Mark Mittleberg, Zondervan, 2007.  
**ISBN 9780310279198**

### LIC 245 Eschatology

Required Text: *Our Destiny: Bible Teachings on the Last Things* - Stanley Horton, Logion Press, 2010. **ISBN 9780882432465**

### LIC 251 Leadership Skills

Required Text: *The Emotionally Healthy Leader* - Peter Scazzero, Zondervan, 2015.  
**ISBN 978031049577**

Required Text: *Doing Church as a Team: The Miracle of Teamwork and How It Transforms* - Wayne Cordeiro, Bethany Moore, 2004 **ISBN 9780764214493**

### LIC 261 Theology of Missions

Required Text: *Missions in the Age of the Spirit* - John V. York, Logion Press, 2000.  
**ISBN 9780882434643**

### LIC 281 Conflict Resolution

Required Text: *Making Peace: A Guide to Overcoming Church Conflict* - Jim Van Yperen, Moody Press, 2002. **ISBN 9780802431851**

### LIC 291 Ministry Internship Program (required for credentials)

Pre-requisites: Complete at least three (3) courses at appropriate level, and complete and submit all required application forms for approval before beginning the mentoring program.

**See Ministry Internship Program in this catalog for details.**



## Ordination Diploma

### ORD 311 Prayer and Worship

Required Text: *The Reward of Worship* - Jack Hayford, Chosen Books, 2007.

**ISBN 9780800794187**

Required Text: *The Spirit Helps Us Pray* - Robert Brandt and Zenas Bicket, Logion Press, 2006. **ISBN 9780882436784**

### ORD 313 Corinthians

Required Text: *I and II Corinthians* - Stanley Horton, GPH 1999.

**ISBN 9780882438535**

### ORD 318 Pentateuch

Required Text: *An Introduction to the Old Testament: Pentateuch* - Herbert Wolf, Moody Press, 2007. **ISBN 9780802441560**

### ORD 322 Poetic Books

Required Text: *How to Read the Psalms* - Tremper Longman III, Inter Varsity Press 1988

**ISBN 9780877849414**

*Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary, Vol. 5* - John H. Wolton, Zondervan 2009. **ISBN 9780310255772**

### ORD 325 Preaching in Context

Required Text: *Preaching to a Shifting Culture* - Scott Gibson, Baker Books, 2004.

**ISBN 9780801091629**

### ORD 327 Church Administration, Finance, and Law

Required Text: *Leadership Handbook of Management & Administration* - James D. Berkley, 2007 edition. **ISBN 9780801068140**

### ORD 381 Pastoral Ministry

Required Text: *Shepherding The Church* - Joseph M. Stowell, Moody Press, 1997.

**ISBN 9780802478214**

### ORD 391 Ministry Internship Program (required for credentials)

Pre-requisites: Complete at least three (3) courses at appropriate level, and complete and submit all required application forms for approval before beginning the mentoring program.

**See Ministry Internship Program in this catalog for details.**



## Biblical Studies Diploma

General Bible courses for those not seeking credentials.

### CER 112 Synoptic Gospels

Required Text: *Jesus the Messiah: A Survey of the Life of Christ* - Robert Stein, Intervarsity Press, 2017. ISBN 9780830851850

### CER 113 New Testament Survey

Required Text: *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey* – Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough, Baker Books, 2013. ISBN 9780801039645

### CER 114 Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

Required Text: *The Holy Spirit: A Pentecostal Perspective* - Anthony D. Palma, Logion Press, 2008. ISBN 9780882437866

### CER 116 Old Testament Survey

Required Text: *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey 3rd Edition*- Bill T. Arnold & Bryan E. Beyer, Baker Books, 2015. ISBN 9780801049538

### LIC 215 Romans

Required Text: *Encountering the Book of Romans* - Douglas Moo, Baker Books, 2014. ISBN 9780801049668

### LIC 216 Acts

Required Text: *Acts: Logion Commentary* - Stanley Horton, GPH, 2001. ISBN 9781607311393

### LIC 217 Prison Epistles

Required Text: *The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Revised Edition. Vol 12, Ephesians - Philemon* - Tremper Longman, III and David Garland general Editors, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 2005. ISBN 9780310235033

### LIC 245 Eschatology

Required Text: *Our Destiny: Bible Teachings on the Last Things* - Stanley Horton, Logion Press, 2010. ISBN 9780882432465

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### ORD 322 Poetic Books

Required Text: *How to Read the Psalms* - Tremper Longman III, Inter Varsity Press 1988  
ISBN 9780877849414

*Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary, Vol. 5* - John H. Walton, Zondervan 2009 ISBN 9780310255772



## Church Leadership Diploma

Continuing ministry education and local church leadership courses.

### **CER 142 Assemblies of God History, Missions, and Governance**

Required Text: *People of the Spirit* - Gary McGee, GPH, 2014  
**ISBN 9781607313755**

### **CER 143 Spirit Empowered Churches**

Required Text: *A Spirit Empowered Church: An Acts 2 Ministry Model* - Alton Garrison, Influence Resources, 2015. **ISBN 9781681540016**

### **CER 181 Relationships and Ethics in Ministry**

Required Text: *Ethics for Christian Ministry: Moral Formation for 21st Century Church Leaders* - Joe Trull and R. Robert Creech, Baker Academic, 2017. **ISBN 9780801098314**

### **LIC 251 Leadership Skills**

Required Text: *The Emotionally Healthy Leader* - Peter Scazzero, Zondervan, 2015 1997.

**ISBN 9780310484577**

Required Text: *Doing Church as a Team: The Miracle of Teamwork and How It Transforms* - Wayne Cordeiro, Bethany Moore, 2004 **ISBN 9780764214493**

### **LIC 261 Theology of Missions**

Required Text: *Missions in the Age of the Spirit* - John V. York, Logion Press, 2000.  
**ISBN 9780882434643**

### **LIC 281 Conflict Resolution**

Required Text: *Making Peace: A Guide to Overcoming Church Conflict* - Jim Van Yperen, Moody Press, 2002. **ISBN 9780802431851**

### **ORD 311 Prayer and Worship**

Required Text: *The Reward of Worship* - Jack Hayford, Chosen Books, 2007.

**ISBN 9780800794187**

Required Text: *The Spirit Helps Us Pray* - Robert Brandt and Zenas Bicket, Logion Press, 2006. **ISBN 9780882436784**

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Required Text: *Shepherding The Church* - Joseph M. Stowell, Moody Press, 1997.

**ISBN 9780802478214**



## Ministry Internship Program

### Internship Purpose/Mission

The NNEDSOM internship strategy enables students to confirm God's call, develop the Christ like character, gain the competencies of ethical and effective ministry and develop the personal disciplines essential to successful life and ministry. The strategy uses guided "hands on" ministry experiences, interaction with qualified pastors/mentors, reading, and the exercise of personal spiritual disciplines to accomplish this mission.

### Internship Objectives/Goals

- Exposure to a variety of skills, and practices.
- Develop effective people and conflict resolution skills.
- Ethical standards of ministry.
- Fulfill the Assemblies of God General Council internship requirements for credentials.
- Minister effectively within the Fellowship
- Seek "best practice" experiences and exposure to effective ministry systems and structures.
- Help students develop skills and gifts for maximum effectiveness in ministry.
- Help students develop the disciplines of effective servant leadership.

### Internship Characteristics/Values

- Student Value: Equip students for effective ministry.
- Student Participation: Students participate in the design and fulfillment of these standards and objectives.
- Cooperative Fellowship: Value ministry within the Assemblies of God in a way that faithfully fulfills the vision of a "voluntary cooperative fellowship."
- Biblical Fidelity: Students develop ministry that is faithful to biblical teaching, values, principles, and world view.
- Flexibility: Students can "tailor" their internship experience in ways that better meet their needs and fulfill the requirements.
- Encourage Development: Students value and develop the skills needed to pursue spiritual, personal, and professional development throughout their life.

### Pastor/Mentor

The selection of appropriate pastor(s)/mentor(s) is critical to the success of the internship process. The term "pastor/mentor" refers to that person overseeing the student's entire internship. Often the pastor/mentor is the senior pastor. **The pastor/mentor must be approved by the NNEDSOM Director and District Superintendent.** The pastor/mentor must be one who is fully cooperative and supportive of the ministries and policies of the District. The pastor/mentor may want to include another minister who has outstanding qualifications to give the intern the "best practice" experience in a given area.



### **Pastor/Mentor Qualifications**

An appropriate and qualified mentor must be...

- Ordained or credentialed one level above the credential the student is seeking (exception for ordination).
- Not be a relative of the student.
- Willing to follow the policies and guidelines of the DSOM internship process.
- Have demonstrated a proven ministry of cooperation and integrity.
- Have a minimum of five (5) years of pastoral experience.
- Willing to invest significant time in the intern and internship process.
- Refuse to serve as a mentor in those areas in which they lack the expertise or their involvement is not in the best interest of the student.
- Refer students to others who have greater expertise in areas when it is in the best interest of the Student.
- Willing to complete and submit the required DSOM **Pastor/Mentor's Summary & Evaluation Reports** and completed **Student Summary Report** and student's **Prayer Journal** to the DSOM Director at the end of the three (3) month period.
- Be approved by the DSOM Director and District Superintendent.
- Willing to communicate concerns regarding the intern or the internship process with DSOM Director.

### **Selecting a Pastor/Mentor**

Students are to select an "appropriate and qualified" pastor/mentor who meets the standards outlined above. In addition the student is encouraged to:

- Seek a pastor/mentor who exemplifies "best practice" in ministry.
- Recognize that more than one pastor/mentor may be needed.
- End the relationship if the pastor/mentor is unwilling or unable to commit the time needed, comply with DSOM standards or fails to carry out other responsibilities.
- Recognize that their pastor may not be the best pastor/mentor in all areas and seek their recommendation for someone who can better serve.
- Develop a positive working relationship with their DSOM and pastors/mentors based on mutual respect and passion for ministry.

### **NNEDSOM INTERNSHIP COURSE MATERIAL**

Students will complete all internship requirements as prescribed by The General of the Assemblies of God. These standards include for:

#### **Certified**

1. Sacerdotal Functions
2. Discipleship
3. Pre-Marital Counseling
4. Personal Evangelism
5. Personal Spiritual Growth





## Licensed

1. Church Administration
2. Biblical Counseling
3. Personal Finance
4. Benevolence
5. Personal Spiritual Growth

## Ordained

1. Strategic Planning
2. Pulpit Ministry
3. Church Finance
4. Vision
5. Personal Spiritual Growth

## Who Benefits from the School of Ministry?

### The student benefits from

- Relational connectivity through student to student relationships.
- Practical wisdom of instructors who are experienced in ministry and knowledgeable in the subject of study.

### The instructor benefits from

- Having another avenue of meaning and purpose for their life and ministry.
  - Interacting with eager students is reinvigorating.
  - Mentoring skills are developed and enhanced by the instructor-student relationship.

### The District benefits from

- Hands on involvement in the student learning process.
  - Bridges the bureaucratic organizational structure of district leadership and those responding to call of ministry.
  - Relational networking with potential future credential applicants.
  - Interaction between leadership, instructors and students creates healthy relationships and interdependence.

**A combination of self-study and  
classroom environment.**

**It's a  
WIN-WIN-WIN  
proposition!**



**There are two locations for  
Certified and Licensed Courses:**

**District Office, 501 Riverside Street  
Portland, Maine 04103-1034**

**\*Certified and Licensed level Courses  
offered at **Cornerstone Community Church,  
26 Bombardier Rd, Milton, VT** are marked with  
an asterisk on the back of the registration  
form. (\*)**

**PLEASE NOTE: Ordained level  
courses are only offered at the  
District Office.**

**Mail pages 19 & 20 to:  
Northern New England District  
501 Riverside St.  
Portland, Maine 04103-1034  
FAX: 207-878-2779**

**Or register online (refer to emails sent out by  
District Office for website link)**

## STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please print clearly.

New student       Returning student

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female    Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is it your intention to seek credentials with the Assemblies of God?

YES       NO

**Diploma:**  Certified     License     Ordination

Biblical Studies       Church Leadership

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT FORM

I the undersigned do hereby affirm that I have read and understand the NNEDSOM Academic Catalog and Policy Manual and I am in agreement with the mission and purposes of NNEDSOM. I certify that the answers on my application are correct to the best of my knowledge, By my signature I agree to follow all the conditions aforementioned.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\* All students enrolling in NNEDSOM must be at least 18 years of age.**

# Student Course Enrollment Form

Enrollment deadlines are one month prior to actual class date.

One time Enrollment Fee (for first time students only)

\$ 25.00

Location:	<input type="checkbox"/>	District Office - All courses
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Milton, VT - Certified* and Licensed* courses only

## Fall Semester

Sep 9, 2023	<input type="checkbox"/> New Testament Survey*	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts*	<input type="checkbox"/> Pentateuch
Oct 7, 2023	<input type="checkbox"/> Intro Pentecostal Doctrine*	<input type="checkbox"/> Romans*	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer & Worship
Nov 11, 2023	<input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Empowered Churches*	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Skills*	<input type="checkbox"/> Corinthians
Dec 2, 2023	<input type="checkbox"/> Synoptic Gospels*	<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Homiletics*	<input type="checkbox"/> Preaching in Context

## Spring Semester

Feb 10, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Testament Survey*	<input type="checkbox"/> Prison Epistles*	<input type="checkbox"/> Poetic Books
Mar 9, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Hermeneutics*	<input type="checkbox"/> Eschatology*	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Admin, Finance & Law
Apr 13, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> AG History Missions & Governance*	<input type="checkbox"/> Theology of Missions*	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Ministry
May 11, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Theology*	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism*	
Jun 8, 2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Relationships & Ethics in Ministry*	<input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Resolution*	

Course Tuition Fee: \$ 55.00 X \_\_\_\_ (number of courses) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Audit Fee (no credit): \$ 25.00 X \_\_\_\_ (number of courses) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you checked all the appropriate boxes? Total Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The ordering and purchase of course text books are the sole responsibility of the student. See course listing in Academic Catalog for required textbook. Suggested distributors include but not limited to Amazon, Books-A-Million, Barnes & Noble and Christian Book Distributors.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Courses marked with an \* are offered at the Milton, VT location.

Ministry Internship Program (Completion of 3 courses in appropriate level required before enrolling in internship program) \$ 75.00

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To register online and pay by credit card, please go to our website, [www.nnedaog.org](http://www.nnedaog.org), and look on the "Resources" menu under the "About Us" link at the top of the page.