

Academic Credit Granted for Successful Completion of Pathway School of Ministry Programs

Memorandum of Understanding

The Vanguard/Pathway School of Ministry Partnership

Vanguard University agrees to offer up to 27 units of academic credit (nine per credential level) after successful completion of the prescribed course of study at the Pathway School of Ministry and the conferment of the corresponding ministerial credential by the General Council of the Assemblies of God:

After successful completion of the course of study for Certified Ministry courses and conferment of the Certified Minister credential, 9 units of credit as follows:

- THEO 101C Foundations of Christian Life (3 units)
- 6 units of lower division Religion elective credit

After successful completion of the course of study for Licensed Minister courses and conferment of the Licensed Minister credential, 9 units of credit as follows:

- NT 101C New Testament Survey (3 units)
- OT 201C Old Testament Survey (3 units)
- 3 units of lower division Religion elective credit

After successful completion of the course of study for Ordained Minister courses and conferment of the Ordained Minister credential, 9 units of credit as follows:

- THEO 103C Introduction to Theology (3 units)
- 6 units of lower division Religion elective credit

Eligibility for Receiving Academic Credit:

1. Credit can only be granted after the application of the student to Vanguard University School for Professional Studies is approved, the verification to the University of successful completion of the student's Pathway School of Ministry course of study, and written documentation of the credential level that the student has been granted.
2. Students applying for academic credit earned by completion of the Pathway School of Ministry must do so in the first semester of enrollment at VUSC. While the units will not post to their official transcript, this will guide their coordinator in course scheduling. (Students petitioning for the certified or licensed stages in the first semester will have up to five years to petition for up to the full 27 units offered through the School of Ministry.)
3. After completing 27 additional units in the School for Professional Studies with a minimum 2.0 grade point average (grades below C- will not count toward the 27 required), the student must submit the Form: *Petition to Post Transferred Credits* to have the units transferred from the Pathway School of Ministry posted on their official transcript.

4. Although transfer credit through this articulation is most compatible with the Religion degree, credit may also be transferred into the Psychology and Business degrees. Due to GE requirements, the following credit may be awarded for each degree:

Religion: 27 units maximum (See agreement for details)
 Psychology: 18 units maximum (See agreement for details)
 Business: 18 units maximum (See agreement for details)

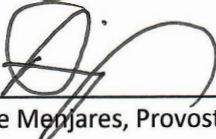
4. The granting of credit through this means will be managed through Vanguard University’s School for Professional Studies.
5. Students taking advantage of School of Ministry Credit by Coursework and Certification will be governed by all policies pertaining to the transfer of credit as outlined in the University’s academic catalog.

Discount for AG Ministers

Vanguard’s School for Professional Studies offers a 25% discount for all qualified Pathway graduates enrolling in the professional studies program: Bachelor of Arts in Religion, with a concentration in Ministry and Leadership¹. This discounted rate includes the upper division major, as well as lower division general education and elective courses. The discount also applies to both online and inclass courses.

- 1. Pathway School of Ministry:** Courses and Certified, Licensed, and Ordained Credentials (*meets VU requirements for Theo, NT, OT 101, Theo 103*) **27 units**
- 2. Vanguard Lower Division** General Education/Elective Courses available on campus or online (can also be taken at community colleges and transferred) **46 units**
- 3. Vanguard Upper Division Major** Religion: Ministry and Leadership courses completed on campus location or online..... **51 units**
- Vanguard University Bachelor of Arts in Religion: Ministry and Leadership.....124 units**

NOTE: *The tuition discount, and the addendum in general, applies to all qualified Pathway School of Ministry graduates, including those who have already completed their SOM coursework and credentials. This addendum will be reviewed each year by the university administration.*



 Pete Menjares, Provost, Vanguard University



 Kyle Chalke, Pathway School of Ministry

¹ This tuition discount applies only to this major and is not stackable with any other discounts or scholarships.