

CPL Credit for Ministry Credentials or Training

(Assemblies of God, Foursquare, or Church of God in Christ Ministerial Credentials;
 Assemblies of God District Schools of Ministry Training, *Pathways*)

Policy: To award students an established number of credits and specified courses equivalent to specific levels of credentialing with the Assemblies of God, Foursquare, or Church of God in Christ denominations. In addition, this document recognizes students who have completed training at an Assemblies of God District School of Ministry *and Pathways*.

Background: Many ministers within the Assemblies of God, Foursquare, or Church of God in Christ denominations have pursued non-traditional forms of education that prepare them to receive ministerial credentials. We believe it is beneficial to recognize this learning based on the awarding of the ministerial credential. The policy below defines the following academic credit based on the conferment of the corresponding ministerial credential by the General Council of the Assemblies of God or the Foursquare or Church of God in Christ denominations:

Course of Study and Level of Credential	NU Equivalent Courses*
Certified (6-7 credits)	BIBL 1053 The Christian Scriptures CMIN 4963 Ministry Internship CMIN 4941 Ministry Internship I THEO 1093 Foundations of Christian Faith
Licensed (6-8 credits)	THEO 1093 Foundations of Christian Faith CMIN 2003 The Church in Ministry THEO 2063 God and Society THEO 2293 Christian Vocation THEO 4952 Ministry Internship II
Ordained (6-12 credits)	CMIN 2043 Ministry Operations BIBL Elective PMIN 2203 Discipleship and Spiritual Formation PMIN 3303 Ministry Life and Calling PMIN 3763 Ministry Leadership and Administration THEO 2503 Theology of Ministry Essentials

* If a listed course is already satisfied, an equivalent *elective* credit of ~~CMIN 1123 Spiritual Formation~~ or ~~CMIN 2013 Spiritual Leadership~~ is awarded. Students who have graduated from an Assemblies of God District School of Ministry will receive a total of 30 elective credits or a combination of elective and specified credits from the table above if they have received ministerial credentials.

Requirements for Receiving Academic Credit:

1. Credit can only be granted upon the approved application of the student to Northwest University and documentation of the credential level that the student has been granted and/or graduation from DSOM.
2. The granting of credit through this means will be managed through the Center for Online and Extended Education.
3. Students taking advantage of this credit will be permitted to petition for additional academic credit through the established Portfolio development process at NU. However, students must demonstrate separate learning through the Portfolio process. In addition, students can be awarded no more than 30 total credits through prior learning awards.
4. Students taking advantage of Certified Prior Learning will be governed by all policies pertaining to the transfer of credit as outlined in the University's academic catalog.