

Educational Requirements for Susquehanna Conference

In the course of fulfilling requirements for the Master of Divinity Degrees, candidates from the Susquehanna Conference must include the following in their studies

1. For those seeking Elders' Orders:
 - a. 2 Courses in Preaching
 - b. 1 Course in Worship Preparation and leadership of Worship
 - c. 1 Bible Courses beyond survey/introduction course in Old Testament
 - d. 1 Bible Course beyond survey/introduction course in New Testament
 - e. 1 Course in Theory and Practical Teaching
 - f. 1 Course in Evangelism
 - g. 1 Course in Pastoral Counseling (A unit of CPE is acceptable)
 - h. United Methodist History, Doctrine, and Polity
2. Those from the Wyoming Conference who began their seminary education prior to June 30, 2010 will be *encouraged* but not required to fulfill the courses listed above. Those persons will be expected to fulfill the requirements of the Wyoming Conference, i.e., 1 course in Evangelism and UM History, Polity and Doctrine
3. Those from CPC who began their seminary education prior to June 30, 2010 may choose to take 2 rather than 3 Bible Courses (as in 1.c above) A course in Pastoral Counseling is *encouraged* but not required.

Distance Education

1. The University Senate resolves that:
 - a. All United Methodist seminaries and Asbury Theological Seminary be allowed to offer two-thirds of the Master of Divinity degree online, with one third of the degree required to be in residence.
 - b. The only "online courses" allowed to count toward a degree for a candidate seeking ordination in The United Methodist Church be offered by one of the 13 official United Methodist seminaries and Asbury Theological Seminary.
 - c. The Senate reconfirms its June 2010 decision to require that all official transcripts of University Senate Approved Schools identify the courses that are taken online. For this purpose, the term "online courses" includes those that offer some instruction on campus.
 - d. Effective January 2011, few if any additional seminaries will be invited to join the list of non-UMC schools approved for the education of those seeking ordination in the UMC."
2. The Susquehanna Conference confirms this policy and this policy is extended to Deacon Candidates as well in that only two-thirds of the Basic Graduate Theological Studies may be taken on-line.