

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH NORTH GEORGIA

GMC Educational Requirements for those Seeking Ordination

The following list reflects the current educational requirements as listed in the 2024 Book of Doctrines and Disciplines of the Global Methodist Church (paragraph 507).

Deacons' Educational Requirements

A total of ten courses (approximately thirty credit hours) are required for those ordained as deacons. These ten courses are:

- Introduction to Old Testament
- Introduction to New Testament
- Systematic Theology
- Wesleyan Theology and Doctrine
- Methodist History and Polity of the Global Methodist Church
- Basics of Preaching
- Pastoral Care
- Evangelism and Mission
- Wesleyan Understanding of the Sacraments and Worship
- Inductive Bible Study or Hermeneutics

Elders' Educational Requirements

Individuals who have been previously ordained as a deacon in the Global Methodist Church may be eligible to be ordained as an elder in the Global Methodist Church following the completion of at least ten additional courses, including eight required courses as follows:

- History of Christianity Through the Reformation
- History of Christianity, Reformation to the Present
- Apologetics
- Wesleyan Discipleship and Spiritual Formation
- Christian Leadership and Conflict Resolution
- An additional Old Testament Class
- An additional New Testament Class
- Ministry of the Holy Spirit

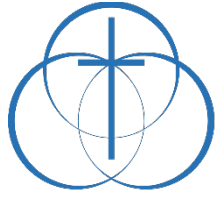
Elective Courses may be chosen from among the following areas:

- Mission of the Church and Church Renewal
- Cross-Cultural Ministry and Evangelism

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- Advanced Preaching
- Hebrew or Greek language studies
- Pastoral Counseling
- Church Finance and Administration
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in a hospital or similar setting
- Philosophy of Religion
- Field Study in Israel
- Theology Electives
- Theology of Worship
- Children or Youth Ministry
- Gospel Vision for Justice
- Media and Modern Applications
- Directed Internship or Independent Study

A list of approved schools or programs will be maintained by the GMC Commission on Ministry and Higher Education. Beginning January 1st, 2026, candidates for ordination must complete their educational requirements through these approved GMC institutions. Prior to January 1st 2026, the Board of Ministry will determine if a course fulfills the educational requirements. The Board of Ministry recommends the following institutions for theological training. While the historic degree programs are not required for ordination (MDiv, MA, MMin, MTh), educational requirements must be completed at an approved institution in an approved postgraduate program.

- Asbury Theological Seminary
- Ashland Theological Seminary
- Beeson Divinity School at Samford University
- Mid-American Christian University
- Oklahoma Wesleyan University
- Truett Seminary at Baylor University
- United Theological Seminary
- Wesley Biblical Seminary
- Wesley Indiana Seminary

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