

## Canada West District Church of the Nazarene Credentialing Requirements



Thank you for responding to the call of God on your life and beginning the journey towards Ordination with the Church of the Nazarene.

During the credentialing process, you will need to meet requirements assigned from several different sources:

1. The Church of the Nazarene 2023 Manual <https://nazarene.org/manual>
2. The Church of the Nazarene Canada Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination <https://nazarene.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/GuideToMinisterialPrepAndOrdination.pdf>
3. The Canada West District Church of the Nazarene Board of Ministry.
4. The mentoring Pastor.

The following summarizes these requirements. **Manual requirements are in red**, **Church of the Nazarene Guide requirements are in blue** and District requirements are in black. Unless otherwise noted, the forms you need can be found here: <http://cwdnazarene.org/local-church-files> - Then choose "Ministry Candidates"

### Prior to attending Assessment Center

Have held a local license for minimum 1 year (Manual 524.1 1.)

Have a Pastor Recommendation

Complete the EQi and Strengthfinder instruments.

### Prior to first licensing interview

Application for a District License (Manual 524.1 3.)

Police check (Manual 524.1 5.) This process is different in each municipality. You may often be able to have the fee waived if you provide a letter from your church specifying you need the police check completed for ministry involvement.

Board Recommendation (Manual 524.1 3.)

Complete 6 courses in the course of Study (Manual 524.1 2.) including History and Polity of the Church of the Nazarene

Removal of barrier of divorce (if applicable) (Manual 524.1 8.)

Assessment Center recommendation (Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination, page 18)

Ministry log (Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination, page 19)

Declaration of Intent to Prepare for Ordination Pastor Recommendation

Pastor Recommendation

Complete Ministry Safe Training

## Annually

Board recommendation (Manual 524.3)

Complete 2 courses in the course of study, or 20 life long learning credits after the course of study is completed. (Manual 524.3)

Report to the District Assembly (Manual 524.8, Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination, page 18)

Ministry log (Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination, page 19)

Pastor recommendation

Progress on the Spiritual Development Plan and the Ministry plan

Any assignments given by Board of Ministry

Be able to articulate articles of faith. Found here: <https://nazarene.org/who-we-are/articles-faith>

Be involved in ministry a minimum 8 hours per week

Submit Written Understandings

Engage in the Ministry requirement and Evangelism requirement

## Prior to Ordination

Has at one time held a district license for three consecutive years (Manual 526.3)

Has been a full time assigned minister for not less than three consecutive years (Manual 526.3) and be currently assigned (part-time assignment results in an extension of consecutive years)

Has completed a validated course of study (Manual 526.3. 2.) Complete the Ordination/Recognition Questionnaire (Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination, Page 23)

Complete Ordination Interview (Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination, Page 23)

Complete the Ministry requirement and the Evangelism requirement

Our vision is: Here On Earth, as it is in Heaven.

We see a **movement** of churches who are change agents **with their neighbours** creating thriving communities through **partnerships** that result in vibrancy, support, innovation, and belonging.