

# Educational Options for Wesleyan Ministerial Students

1. **Wesleyan Colleges/Universities** provide the preferred track of ministerial training in the Wesleyan Church. The Wesleyan Church has five excellent schools, which offer all of the courses required for credentials in the Wesleyan Church. Our schools include Kingswood University, Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada; Houghton College, Houghton, New York; Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana; Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; and Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina.



2. **Approved Seminaries** allow a student to fulfill many of the ordination requirements at one of our approved seminaries: Wesley Seminary at IWU, Asbury Theological Seminary, Haggard School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University, Evangelical School of Theology, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Tyndale School of Theology, Wesley Biblical Seminary, and George Fox Evangelical Seminary. More information is available at [www.wesleyan.org/143/approved-seminaries](http://www.wesleyan.org/143/approved-seminaries).



3. **FLAME** offers 3-5 day courses held in several locations in the US and Canada. Students must be 28 years of age or older (or have already completed a college degree) and be considered non-traditional (not attending one of our colleges or seminaries). FLAME stands for Fellowship of Leaders Acquiring Ministerial Education. FLAME provides quality ministerial training to enable you to minister effectively, spiritual renewal to ignite, refresh, and renew spiritual life and call to ministry, and fellowship and networking to develop new friendships in ministry and to share ideas. Classroom time averages 20 hours with some reading and reports and/or projects being completed before and after class. (Out of classroom time averages 30 hours for a total time investment of 50 hours minimum per class). More information is available at [www.wesleyan.org/71/flame](http://www.wesleyan.org/71/flame).



4. **FLAMA** Fraternidad Latinoamericana de Adiestramiento Ministerial Alternativo - Como el nombre indica, es un programa academico en Español para estudiantes ministeriales Hispanos para la licencia ministerial para la ordenación en La Iglesia Wesleyana.



5. **Correspondence Courses** are for students 28 years of age or older (or have completed a college degree) and who are non-traditional (not attending one of our colleges or seminaries). Courses are taught by qualified professors and cost \$175 plus the cost of textbooks. Students have 6 months to complete each course and may register for no more than two courses at one time. A full catalog of the Correspondence Courses and online registration information is available at [www.wesleyan.org/44/correspondence-courses](http://www.wesleyan.org/44/correspondence-courses).

6. **Cross Training** is an online program offered by Oklahoma Wesleyan University. These courses fulfill the academic requirements for ordination. [www.okwu.edu/online/programs/crosstraining/](http://www.okwu.edu/online/programs/crosstraining/)



7. **Credit by Portfolio** allows an individual who has mastered a particular area of the academic training standards through extensive experience or a combination of related courses, seminars, extensive research and/or reading, to apply for credit. Credit by Portfolio applications are available at the Student Portal in the "Forms" tab.
8. **District extension classes** are district-sponsored classes sanctioned by Education and Clergy Development. Check with district leaders for more information.

## **Credentialing And Academic Prerequisites**

(Adult Education Students)

1. Expository Preaching – Required Pre-requisite: Intro to Homiletics
2. Advanced Theology – Required Prerequisite: Intro to Theology
3. Bible, Theology, Preaching – Suggested Prerequisite: Methods of Bible Study

### District Ministerial Licensing Academic Prerequisites

1. Old Testament Intro
2. New Testament Intro
3. Wesleyan History/Discipline
4. Intro to Theology
5. Intro to Homiletics
6. Church Leadership/Management

Supervised Ministry may be taken at any time during the student's course of study.

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