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LifeLong Learning Credits Information

The Church of the Nazarene has been working to simplify and make the process of reporting LifeLong Learning credits more accessible. Recently, they introduced a new web site. The new site will offer you the opportunity to easily report your credits and track your progress online.

All you need to do is register on the web site (learning.nazarene.org) to begin this process. Register today.

Just a reminder below are some facts regarding LifeLong Learning.

If you have any questions contact our District LifeLong Coordinator, Jerry Bohall (Jerry.Bohall@gmail.com)

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Why do I need to continue learning after completing the course of study?

The course of study curriculum is designed to prepare men and women to begin ministry and fulfill the educational requirements for ordination. It does not teach you everything you will ever need to know. The level of excellence in ministry to which God calls you requires a lifetime of study and learning. For example, though the Bible remains constant, methods of understanding and communicating it are constantly changing. The theology of the church changes very little in a person's lifetime as well, but different emphases arise to meet the needs of a changing culture. To be a good steward of the ministry will require lifelong learning.

What are the lifelong learning requirements for licensed and ordained ministers?

Manual 527.6 states: "once a minister has fulfilled the requirements of a validated course of study for ministry, he or she will continue a pattern of lifelong learning to enhance the ministry to which God has called him or her. A minimum expectation is 20 lifelong hours each year."

Can you tell me more about the four critical areas in which all clergy should be striving to grow according to the Global Clergy Development Office?

Content – the biblical, theological, and historical knowledge necessary for ministry.

Lifelong Learning events aimed at increasing knowledge of the Old and New Testaments, Christian theology and the history and mission of the Church, and that develop greater understanding with respect to the interpretation of Scripture, the doctrine of holiness, our Wesleyan distinctive, and the history and polity of the Church of the Nazarene.

Competency – the development of skills for ministry. Lifelong Learning events designed to enhance skills in oral and written communication, management and leadership, finance, and analytical thinking. In addition to general education in these areas, presentations providing skills in preaching, pastoral care and counseling, biblical exegesis, worship, evangelism, biblical stewardship of life resources, Christian education, and church administration would be examples of core competencies.

Character – the strengthening and enriching of the minister as a person.

Lifelong Learning events that encourage growth in character, ethics, spirituality, and personal and family relationship is vital for the ministry. This would include presentations/events addressing the areas of Christian ethics, spiritual formation, human development, the person of the minister, and marriage and family dynamics.

Context – the deepening of the understanding of the ministry environment. Lifelong Learning events that contribute to the minister's understanding of both the historical and contemporary context and interpret the worldview and social environment of the culture where the Church witnesses. This would include presentations/events that address the concerns of anthropology and sociology, cross-cultural communication, and missiology.

How can I fulfill my annual LifeLong Learning requirements?

A variety of providers of LifeLong Learning can help you fulfill the expectations stated in Manual 426.6. You may take a course or courses for continuing education credit at a college, university, or seminary. You may participate in continuing education events provided by your regional Nazarene college, Nazarene Bible College, Nazarene Theological Seminary, or District Ministerial Studies Board. Both course work for credit and LifeLong Learning hours are available via the Internet. Most hospitals and local or state mental health organizations provide continuing education opportunities that can be used to meet the annual 2 CEU requirement.

Lifelong Learning Opportunities Available to you:

[Northwest Nazarene University \(www.nnu.edu\)](http://www.nnu.edu)

[Center for Pastoral Leadership, Nazarene Theological Seminary \(www.cpl.nts.edu\)](http://www.cpl.nts.edu)

[Point Loma Nazarene University](http://www.pointloma.edu)

<https://itunes.apple.com/az/itunes-u/h.-orton-wiley-lectures-series/id416200490?mt=10>

[Nazarene Bible College – Institute for Ministry Enrichment \(www.nbcime.com\)](http://www.nbcime.com)