

**STATEMENT OF FULFILLMENT OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
For Elder Candidates**

This form shall be filled out by each candidate for ordination as a deacon or elder seeking commissioning and provisional membership and placed in the candidate's district file before the interview by the district committee for recommendation for commissioning (§324.10). The Book of Discipline, 2012, §324.4.a requires candidates for deacon or elder to complete a minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate theological studies that include the areas listed below. The South Carolina Annual Conference requires that these studies be completed before commissioning and provisional membership. The Board of Ordained Ministry requires that a grade of "C" or above be earned in each of the courses below, or the candidate will not be credited with having completed that requirement. This applies to all courses taken after June 2010. If you are applying under §324.4 or 324.6, please attach an explanation.

Next to each required area of study, list the course or courses you have taken (or will have taken prior to your commissioning) which you believe fulfill that requirement, the institution where you took those courses, and the semester hours (or equivalent) for each class. The same class may not be listed to fulfill more than one area.

Courses Required by Discipline Prior to Provisional Membership	Name of Course/Date	Institution	Hours
Old Testament			
New Testament			
Theology			
Church History			
Mission of the Church in the World			
Evangelism			
Worship/Liturgy			
United Methodist Doctrine			
United Methodist Polity			
United Methodist History			
Courses Required by South Carolina Prior to Full Membership			
Black Studies			
Homiletics or Preaching			
Women Studies			
CPE			

Total Hours _____

Candidate's Name _____ Date _____

DESCRIPTIONS OF REQUIRED COURSES

The following courses are required by *The Discipline*, and are required prior to Commissioning:

Old Testament – A survey course on the Old Testament

New Testament – A survey course on the New Testament

Theology – A survey course in systematic theology

Church History – A survey course in church history

Mission of the Church in the World – A course focused on the mission of the church beyond the local church in South Carolina

Evangelism – A course on the theory or practice of evangelism

Worship / Liturgy – A course on the theory or practice of worship / liturgy

United Methodist Doctrine – A course on UM theology and doctrine

United Methodist Polity – A course on UM polity

United Methodist History – A course on UM History

The courses are required by the South Carolina Conference prior to Ordination:

Black Studies – A survey course on the history or culture of African Americans
(May be undergraduate. May not be distance learning.)

Women's Studies – A survey course on the history and experiences of women in America
or on feminist or womanist theology.
(May be undergraduate. May not be distance learning.)

Homiletics – A course on the theory or practice of preaching

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) – A basic unit of CPE from an ACPE accredited site

No course may be used to satisfy more than one requirement.

Courses must focus on the required area. Courses which merely include the focus area are not acceptable.