

**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, 2016, §324.4.a requires candidates for deacon or elder to complete a minimum of 27 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.

Candidate’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.*