

Licensed Minister – Permanent Status Western New York District

1. Western NY District of the Wesleyan Church allows for ministers in its district to permanently land at the Licensed Minister Credential upon completion of the prescribed educational and time in ministry requirements and with the recommendation of the DBMD.
 - a. This is a new opportunity approved at the 2022 General Conference.
 - i. Previously ministers who were licensed had to meet annually with the DBMD until they moved to Ordained Minister, Commissioned Minister, or dropped out of the ministerial preparation process.
 - b. Eligible ministers start with the credential of Ministerial Student (1 year minimum) and then upon completion of 7 core courses and appointment in a district approved ministry position become licensed.
 - c. Licensed Ministers continue meeting with the DBMD until they complete the necessary coursework for permanent licensed status (see below).
 - d. Upon completion of all required coursework and time in ministry requirements (2 years of full-time or equivalent licensed ministry) they will be eligible, with the recommendation of the DBMD to be granted Licensed Minister Permanent status (LMP).
 - i. LMPs are no longer required to fill out annual DBMD forms and meet with the DBMD.
 1. The Annual Service Report would still be required to be submitted annually.
 - ii. LMPs can continue taking coursework to move towards ordination or commissioning.
 1. Ministers continuing towards ordination or commissioning should communicate this to the DBMD and will be required to meet with the DBMD for paperwork and interviews prior to ordination or commissioning.
 - iii. LMPs will retain this credential so long as they remain under appointment in a ministry position within The Western NY District.
 - iv. LMPs will be able to transfer this credential to another district providing that district has approved the permanent licensed status in that district.
 - v. LMPs will be able to transfer within The Western NY District with this credential status without being required to meet with the DBMD.
2. Necessary coursework for Licensed Minister - Permanent Status:
 - a. Required courses for ALL applicants
 - i. Old Testament Introduction
 - ii. New Testament Introduction
 - iii. Methods of Bible Study
 - iv. Introduction to Theology
 - v. Wesleyan History and Discipline
 - vi. Church Leadership and Management
 - vii. Doctrine of Holiness

<p>These are the seven required courses for initial licensing.</p>
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- b. Additional required courses for LMP status in The Western NY District
 - i. Worship
 - ii. Supervised Ministry
 - iii. Elective chosen by student with DBMD guidance
 - iv. Elective chosen by student with DBMD guidance
 - v. Elective chosen by student with DBMD guidance

3. Recommended Electives to choose from for specific Ministry vocations

- a. Solo/Campus Pastors
 - i. Introduction to Homiletics
 - ii. Advanced Theology
 - iii. Expository Preaching
 - iv. Evangelism and Church Health
- b. Worship Pastor
 - i. Introduction to Homiletics
 - ii. Spiritual Formation
 - iii. Pastoral Ministries
 - iv. Advanced Theology
- c. Missions Pastor
 - i. Global and Intercultural Ministries
 - ii. Evangelism and Church Health
 - iii. Spiritual Formation
 - iv. Pastoral Ministries
- d. Youth Pastor
 - i. Introduction to Homiletics
 - ii. Advanced Theology
 - iii. Expository Preaching
 - iv. Spiritual Formation
- e. Children's Pastor
 - i. Spiritual Formation
 - ii. Christian Education
 - iii. Introduction to Homiletics
 - iv. Psychology
- f. Assistant Pastor (Executive pastor, general assistant)
 - i. Introduction to Homiletics
 - ii. Spiritual Formation
 - iii. Evangelism and Church Health
 - iv. Pastoral Ministries

The DBMD has the flexibility to adjust recommended courses based on the minister's personal needs.