

Christ Centered Ministries

Licensure Requirements

Christ Centered Ministries is a division of Christ Centered Fellowship, Inc. of Troy, Missouri.

Vision Statement:

Our vision is to see the people of God, who declare that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior, supplied with leaders who are fully equipped to help them mature and grow into the work of service the Lord has assigned them to. Christ Centered Ministries (CCM) has been formed to provide the Apostolic oversight and accountability the body of Christ needs in order to grow into the bride of Christ, fully trained to do the work of ministry.

Mission Statement:

Our mission in providing licensing is to train and equip qualified leaders, elders and Five-fold ministers for the work of service in the body of Christ. We have a passion to see each person called to serve in some area of leadership, covered by a Safe, Bible-believing, Apostolic accountability team.

Guiding Scriptures:

Eph. 4:11-13 “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the [e]difying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

2 Tim 4:2 “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

Basic Requirements

Every person wishing to receive a license must complete the application process which is available as a fillable PDF document from our website. In addition to the application, each applicant is to provide a short essay detailing the personal testimony of and the call that God has placed upon the candidate and why the candidate has chosen Christ Centered Fellowship, Inc. to issue licensure. A personal interview with our licensing board, either in-person or online, will also be conducted.

It is not a requirement of CCM that the candidate be a member of Christ Centered Church. The licensed provided will allow the recipient to begin his/her own ministry as the Lord leads.

Educational Requirements

Educational requirements may vary depending on ministry experience. Christ Centered Ministries considers each candidate on a case-by-case basis. Those who have had licensure under a different ministry may submit a summary of life and ministry experiences, and/or “test out” of certain course work. For more information, please contact CCM to speak directly with our staff.

Each type and level of licensing requires different course work.

CCM has partnered with the International School of the Word (ISOW) to provide a strong, Scripturally-based education for those new to ministry. Please see the section, ***Course Catalog***, for more information.

Licenses Available through Christ Centered Ministries

1. Christian Worker

A Christian Worker is a person who is doing a work of service, usually within a local church. This person frequently helps in a local church. They may be a lay leader, a secretary, or just starting a work of ministry with little or no experience in ministry. This person is usually not called to pulpit ministry but is a worker in a support ministry.

2. Exhorter

An Exhorter is a person who is beginning to work in a role of leadership ministry. This person may be a youth leader, a secondary supporting leader, or is beginning a preaching and/or teaching ministry.

Required Courses*:

[ISOW Basic Theology or equivalent.](#)

[ISOW Why we worship or equivalent.](#)

3. Licensed Minister

A Licensed minister is someone who has been in the role of pulpit ministry, either full time or part time, for at least 5 years. This person has been teaching and/or preaching in the pulpit, and may either have their own ministry, or have been appointed as a minister of the Gospel. For those aspiring to become pulpit ministers, but who do not have experience, CCM recommends starting as an Exhorter to complete coursework under the guidance of an experienced minister-mentor. Those who have had pulpit ministry for at least 5 years may apply directly to CCM for licensure. Course requirements would be on a case by case basis, with life experience considered.

Required Courses*:

[ISOW Basic Theology or equivalent.](#)

[ISOW Gifts of the Spirit or equivalent.](#)

[ISOW Why We Worship or equivalent.](#)

Because a pastoral position in ministry requires a license or ordination, Christ Centered Ministries has prayerfully chosen not to license or ordain women according to Paul's instructions found in 1 Timothy 2:12-14.

4. Ordained Minister

Ordination represents the public recognition of a man or woman called into full-time ministry. To become an ordained minister with CCM, the person must have either previous ordination from a church or ministry or must have proven ministry experience. This candidate must have at least 5 years of experience in pulpit ministry, either full- or part-time, have a letter of recommendation from at least three ordained ministers, and have an interview with our ordination board. CCM loves to honor those who have faithfully worked among us by ordaining them to the work the Lord Jesus has called them to.

Required Courses*:

[ISOW Basic Theology or equivalent.](#)

[ISOW Gifts of the Spirit or equivalent.](#)

[ISOW Starter Guide to Ministry or equivalent.](#)

[ISOW Why We Worship or equivalent.](#)

[ISOW Theology of Heaven & Hell or equivalent.](#)

ISOW Missions and Evangelism or equivalent

*CCM recognizes that many ministers seeking licenses have had a lot of life and ministerial experience. With that consideration, we review each candidate's experience and may consider coursework completed through experience. CCM reserves the right to require a "test-out" of certain materials in lieu of actual coursework. There is a nominal fee for each course and CCM will invoice for this separately from the application and annual fees.

Course Catalog

NOTE: All course descriptions are taken from the International School of Ministry (ISOW).

ISOW is a ministry school established by Rev. Perry Stone. His Biblical knowledge and passion for accuracy in the teaching of Scripture is well established. More information on ISOW and the courses we have selected are available at <https://isow.org/>.

Basic Theology

This Basic Theology course taught by Dr. James DuPree offers an in-depth look at the terms and ideas every student of the Word should know about theology. Dr. DuPree discusses the study of theology itself and how it has evolved, the historical context of the Church's various doctrines, the difference between some major schools of thought, and of course the biblical evidence and backing for all of the positions discussed. For any aspiring Bible-scholar or especially to ISOW students new to the ideas presented in serious theological study, this is a great and worthwhile course filled with dozens of references and outside sources, terminology, and Bible passages that confirm or deny commonly held beliefs.

Gifts of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:1: "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant." The first statement in this chapter should be enough to entice us to learn about spiritual gifts. This is one of the most exhaustive teachings ever presented on this subject. Perry Stone captivated a live audience for several days while teaching this course. The reviews were astounding as many heard this subject explained in more detail and simplicity than ever before. You should leave this course with a comprehensive knowledge of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they operate in the church and the lives of believers.

Missions and Evangelism 101

Life-long ministers and pastors speak on the importance of Christians living lives centered on missions and evangelism. Mission work is not reserved for the traveling evangelist or the overseas missionary, but rather is required of all followers of Christ – even the everyday Christian with a fulltime occupation. As Christians, we are called to a lifestyle of missions and evangelism, and the powerful communicators in this course explain how to do so.

Starter Guide to Ministry

In this course, Dr. Bryan Cutshall and Perry Stone share their experiences in ministry for all aspiring ministers. With many decades of experience between them, they share their successes, their failures, and how they learned what worked for them. There's no better way to learn about the practical aspects of the work than by gleaning from real, tried and true men of God!

Learn about how to study the Bible, how to get started in your path in ministry, how to find mentors, how to gain preaching experience and lead altar calls, how to handle criticism, and much more.

Theology of Heaven and Hell

This course will give you insights about eternity. We will cover almost every scripture in the Bible on heaven and hell in this study. You will walk through the fiery, dark chambers of hell as we explore the various religious views of hell. You will also walk down the streets of gold, visit with angels and worship around the throne of God as we see revealing insights on what life in heaven will really be like. Heaven is a real kingdom, with a king and a capital city, New Jerusalem. The universe is the territory of the kingdom where saints and angels will coexist.

Why We Worship

Lindell Cooley led worship during one of the world's greatest revival movements in recent history – the Brownsville Revival. Through his experience, Cooley developed a comprehensive and thorough understanding of what it means to strive for and host the presence of the Lord. Worship is much more than superficial live entertainment or emotional experience – it provides a real benefit in the Kingdom for believers today. In this course, hear some of Cooley's most profound insights on worship, the presence of the Lord, and following the example of those in Scripture with intimate relationships with God. This teaching is sure to change the way you see worship.