

Reformed Church in America (RCA)

Resources	Overview of Ordination Process & Requirements	Coursework Required
<p><i>The Book of Church Order, 2018</i> (see articles 11-17, pages 44-61): http://images.rca.org/docs/bco/2018BCO.pdf</p> <p><i>Reformed Church in America website:</i> https://www.rca.org/</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Rev. Amy Nyland (newyorksynod@gmail.com) Executive Minister, Regional Synod of New York 42 N. Broadway Ave. Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 332-1311</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Internal call/External call—a personal sense of call affirmed by the church. 2. Local church consistory (governing body) applies on behalf of the applicant to the classis (regional governing body). 3. Candidate appears before the classis or its committee for an interview. 4. Classis petitions the General Synod (national governing body) for a Certificate of Fitness for Ministry, which will be issued upon completion of all requirements by the candidate no sooner than 24 months* after the petition is received. 5. Completion of seminary training** (Master of Divinity degree). 6. Licensure and Ordination. <p>* In instances where the applicant has completed theological training prior to the required period, the classis may petition to substitute a period of ministry supervised by the General Synod for all or part of its 24 month requirement.</p> <p>** Candidates of ministry who have received an M.Div. from non-Reformed Church seminaries will need to furnish the following: an M.Div degree or its equivalent from a seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (or a theological accrediting agency of comparable standards); a transcript of the applicant's seminary record; and evidence of confessing membership in a Reformed church of the classis making petition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● History, theology, & church order of the Reformed Church in America ● Hebrew and Greek