

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

Resources	Overview of Ordination Process & Requirements	Coursework Required*
<p><i>Requirements for Ministerial Fellowship:</i> https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/requirements_mfc.pdf</p> <p><i>Appendix to Requirements for Ministerial Fellowship:</i> https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/requirements_mfc_appendix.pdf</p> <p><i>UUA website:</i> https://www.uua.org/careers/ministers/becoming</p> <p><u>Contacts:</u> Rev. Megan Foley (mfoley@uua.org) Regional Lead, Central East Region</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicant – people in contact with the Ministerial Credentialing Office. 2. Aspirant* – applicants who successfully complete the required paperwork, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initial Inquiry Form ● Interview Form ● Transfer/Plural Standing Forms (if applicable) ● Evidence of acceptance to a theological school or graduation from theological school with submission of all official transcripts from prior graduate level academic preparation ● Signed Application for Candidacy form ● Completed Criminal Background Check (effective January 1, 2019) ● Congregational sponsorship (Statement of Congregational Sponsorship) 3. Candidate – aspirants who complete their career assessment, have completed at least one year of theological school, and have completed a field education or clinical pastoral education (CPE) experience. 4. Preliminary Fellowship – candidates who successfully interview with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) and are found to completely fulfill requirements are granted this standing. Ordination occurs after Preliminary Fellowship is granted. <p>* Aspirant status is active for seven years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preaching/Worship Arts ● Liberal and/or Liberation Theologies ● Pastoral Care ● Religious Education Theory; Method/Practice ● Hebrew & Christian Scriptures ● Religious Ethics ● Anti-Racism / Anti-Oppression / Multiculturalism ● Church Administration or Nonprofit Management & Leadership ● UU History; UU Polity; History of Christianity ● World Religions ● Field Education or Internship ● Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) <p>* As fitting within the seven areas of MFC ministerial competencies, which include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worship and Rites of Passage 2. Pastoral Care and Presence 3. Spiritual Development for Self and Others 4. Social Justice in the Public Sphere 5. Administration 6. Serves the Larger Unitarian Universalist Faith 7. Leads the Faith into the Future <p>There are also required reading lists for each competency area (see <i>Appendix</i> for comprehensive list).</p>