

## Criteria for Transfer of Credits (Ordained Clergy)

### To Acquire an Associate Degree with Pastoral (Ordained Clergy) Experience:

- Complete the admissions application
- Submission of documentation of your highest educational status will need to be obtained. This can be in the form of your high school transcript or copy of your official diploma and/or all transcripts of undergraduate studies, degrees, and/or certificates from all institutes of study.
- Submission of portfolio of your life experiences, as it relates to your experience within the church and ministry.
- The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Theological Seminary will review all documentation once all the information above has been submitted. Upon review approval, you will be awarded the Associate Degree by the North Carolina Theological Seminary.

### To Acquire a Bachelor Degree with Pastoral (Ordained Clergy) Experience:

- Complete the admissions application
- Submission of documentation of your highest educational status will need to be obtained. This can be in the form of your high school transcript or copy of your official diploma and/or all transcripts of undergraduate studies, degrees, and/or certificates from all institutes of study.
- Submission of portfolio of your life experiences, as it relates to your experience within the church and ministry.
- The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Theological Seminary will review all documentation once all the information above has been submitted. Upon review approval, you will be awarded the Associate Degree by the North Carolina Theological Seminary.

**The delegation and awarding of degree status between the Associates and Bachelor Degrees will be determined based upon the years of pastoral experience and transfer credit.  
All of which will be determined by the Board of Directors of the North Carolinas Theological Seminary.**

### To Acquire a Master Degree with Pastoral (Ordained Clergy) Experience:

If you have a secular degree, Bachelors of Arts/Science and/or Religious Studies/Divinity from an accredited institution, you may be eligible for advancement into NCTS - Master Degree Program. In order for this to be determined:

- Submission of your transcript and/or degree of undergraduate studies along with all related certificates from all institutes of study is needed.
- Submission of portfolio of your life experiences, as it relates to your experience within the church and ministry is needed
- The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Theological Seminary will review all documentation once all the information above has been submitted. However, the final evaluation and ultimate approval will be at the discretion of the NCTS IHQ President, Bishop Varnie N. Fullwood, Sr., Ph.D.

### To Acquire a Doctorial Degree:

Students seeking their Doctorial Degree from the North Carolina Theological Seminary will be required to schedule an appointment with the NCTS IHQ President, Bishop Varnie N. Fullwood, Sr., Ph.D. to further discuss criteria and requirements.