

MINISTERIAL EQUIVALENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL PASTORS

Current Standard

ROM	<i>30 credits</i>
Licensed Ministers	<i>90 credits</i>

Process of Equivalency

Initial Interview

Interview with BCYD International and Indigenous Ministries Director.

Purpose: Through the interview, the Indigenous and International Ministries Director will assess fruit of God's calling in the candidate's mind and will learn about the candidate's vision for ministry with PAOC.

Transcripts Evaluation

1. Review of candidate transcripts by the credentialing committee and SPC educational committee.
2. Consultation with IIMD about candidate's character, past ministry, and current/future ministry plans for BCYD.
3. Application of Ministry Equivalency Chart to the candidate's transcript.

Academic Credits

University/Seminary ¹	<i>3 credits</i>
Bible Institute/ Bible School/ Schools of Ministry/Berean ²	<i>3 credits</i>
Institutions not related to the Assemblies of God	<i>1.5 credits</i>

Ministry Experience

Pastoral Experience - country of Origin ³	<i>1-15 credits</i>
Pastoral Experience – Canada ⁴	<i>1 credit per year</i>

¹ University/Seminary: Transfer and recognition of credits for required and elective courses on Biblical/theological studies degree programs

² Bible Institute/ Bible School/ Schools of Ministry/Berean: Automatic transfer of recognition credits for Assemblies of God related institutions and/or Global University coursework (except School of Discipleship and Ministry).

³ Pastoral Experience – country of Origin: Pastoral experience is considered to be "experience pastoring a church, planting a church, and any other ministry-related activity that requires preaching or counseling in a minimum of 25 times a year." Pastoral experience will be recognized for credit at 1 credit per year, with a maximum of 15 credits. These credits can be applied to courses including but not limited to Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, etc.

⁴ Pastoral Experience – Canada: Pastoral experience within Canada can be recognized at 1 credit per year as long as there is a reference form from senior pastor and/or district authorities with close knowledge of the candidate's work, character, and family lifestyle.

The IIMD will write a recommendation to the credentialing committee with a complete equivalency chart and will provide recommendation letters from the candidate's country of origin and other supporting evidence of fruitful ministry work to obtain ministry experience credits.

Pathway Experience

Apprenticeships in a PAOC cultural language church ⁵	<i>3 credits per year</i>
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⁵ Apprenticeships in a cultural language church in PAOC (combined with coursework through Pathway Global) can earn 3 credits per year provided that the candidate fulfill all the duties of an Apprenticeship Program with recommendation and evaluation from the local church pastor and/or IIMD. The credits earned will go toward fulfilling related academic requirement under the Practical Studies, General Studies or Ministry Formation categories according to the PAOC Credentialing Manual:

- Pulpit Ministry (at least 10 times a year).
- Evangelistic ministry (at least 12 outreaches a year).
- Music Ministry with leadership duties (at least 25 times a year).
- Small group/counseling ministry (at least 25 times a year)