

Path to ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament

Student senses a call to ordained ministry

Student applies to come under 'Care of Classis' via their consistory by filling out Forms I and II

Classis is responsible for care and assessment of spiritual and moral competencies needed to lead a ministry in THIS classis

Seminary/MFCA responsible for assessment of intellectual and professional capacity to lead in ministry

Classis submit Fitness of Ministry form to seminary/MFCA (24 month waiting period)

Emerging Leaders Team interviews student, student is introduced to classis, student officially accepted under care of classis

Initial Assessment:
Biblical Intro Exam

** Student may enroll in seminary and come under care independently, but doing them concurrently is strongly encouraged*

Psychological testing by Seminary/MFCA

Mid Program Review by seminary/MFCA

Faculty vote on Certificate of Fitness

Middler Assessments:

Committee Exams:
- Middler Theology
- Sacraments
- Personal Piety & Ministerial Duties

Transcript Exams:
- Church History
- Greek/Hebrew
- Preaching

Final Assessment:
Senior Theology
RCA Standards
History of RCA Missions
Church Government (Polity)
Credo (15 page)

**Initial assessment and final assessment cannot occur at the same classis meeting*

Student awarded M.Div from seminary

Student issued a Certificate of Fitness by seminary or MFCA

Student eligible to receive a call as a Minister of Word and Sacrament!

STUDENTS UNDER CARE EXAM SCHEDULE

Introductory:

Bible Introduction			Full Classis
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Middler:

Middler Theology		Committee	
Sacraments		Committee	
Church History	Transcript		
Greek/Hebrew	Transcript		
Preaching	Transcript		
Personal Piety/Ministerial Duties		Committee	

Senior:

History of RCA Missions		Written (open book)	
Church Government (Polity)		Written (open book)	
Senior Theology			Full Classis
RCA Standards			Full Classis

*RCA Missions, student's Credo and the Certificate of Fitness (from the seminary or MFCA) must all be received prior to Senior Theology and RCA Standards. *