



What is SC DSOM? The South Carolina District School of Ministry is a convenient, fast track and inexpensive way to (1) satisfy basic academic requirements for ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God and (2) provide quality ministry education for staff and members of local congregations.

How can SC DSOM help you and your congregation? Courses are designed explicitly to help prepare leaders and other students to be more effective in Christian service and mission to the community and world.

Who may participate? Anyone who desires to obtain ministerial credentials, advance to the next credential level, or become a more effective Christian worker is invited to enroll in DSOM. The program equips all students through systematic bible study and valuable ministry training and offers courses required for ministerial credentials.

What courses will be offered and when? A complete list of courses and dates are available at the South Carolina District Council website at www.ag4sc.com.

Where and when will classes be offered? Normally, classes are held on the first Saturday each month at Christian Life Church, 2700 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210.

How do I enroll? Apply and enroll online under the DSOM Registration page at www.ag4sc.com or download a Student Application & Course Enrollment form. Complete all required sections, select your desired courses, and promptly mail in the forms as instructed with appropriate fees. You will be notified by e-mail upon approval.

What does it cost? The cost is minimal. Enrollment cost per Ministerial Studies level (certified, licensed, ordained) is only \$75. Ministerial Studies tuition cost per course is only \$75. Late enrollment is an additional \$25.

How do I get my textbooks? Once enrolled, students are responsible to order and pay for their required textbook per course from an online book distributor (e.g., www.christianbook.com) or from a bookstore. SC DSOM provides a required textbook list (with ISBN numbers) on our website—www.ag4sc.com. Purchasing your textbooks through the Christian Book Group link www.christianbook.com will help support South Carolina DSOM.

How do I prepare for class? Each course has a study guide for the textbook provided by SC DSOM. This will be sent to you via email or hard copy. You should plan to allow about one month for pre-class preparation, including reading the textbook and answering all the questions in the Study Guide. Bring two copies of your completed Study Guide to class, one for grading and the other for in-class review.

Does the SC DSOM meet General Council approval? Yes. The school also is endorsed by the National DSOM Association of the Assemblies of God.

I completed some courses from another Bible school or seminary program. Can these be applied toward these courses? You may submit a transcript from the other Bible school or seminary. Your case will be studied on its own merit. Berean/Global University courses are always accepted, provided passing grades were given.

May I take courses at different levels at the same time? Yes. You may choose your classes. However, courses are logically placed in the best order to be taken for receiving credentials or ministerial upgrades.

Will I automatically receive credentials at the conclusion of the series of courses? No. SC DSOM does not grant ministerial credentials. You will need to go through the credential application and approval process through the South Carolina District Council of the Assemblies of God. SC DSOM only provides academic courses to satisfy basic academic standards for credentialing. Information on obtaining credentials with the South Carolina District Council of the Assemblies of God is available at www.ag4sc.com.

What is the schedule for the typical day of class? A typical Saturday schedule is as follows:

- 8:30-8:40 AM - Student check-in
- 8:45 AM - Combined session in modular
- 9:00 AM - Session one
- 10:00 AM - Session two
- 11:00 AM - Session three
- 12:00 Noon - Lunch
- 1:00 PM - Session four
- 2:20 PM - Final exam
- 2:45 PM - In-class cross-grading
- 3:00 PM - Course completed

How qualified are the instructors? We screen our instructors carefully. All are highly qualified in academics and/or acclaimed in life experience.

What are the advantages of SC DSOM to other programs? (1) The SC DSOM provides personal accountability to help keep you on your academic track as you move closer to your credentialing or other goals. (2) It provides a classroom environment guided by a select faculty that promotes exchange of ideas, focused dialogue, and exposure to differing perspectives on the subject matter. (3) It provides a relationship-building opportunity with fellow students and instructors. (4) It provides excellent teaching by instructors who are academically sound and active in day-to-day pastoral and other type ministries.

Do I need to have a computer, email, and Internet access? Although it is not absolutely necessary, it is helpful. The class schedules, book information, forms, etc., are downloadable from our website. Study guides and grades are sent by e-mail. Our goal is to keep your costs minimal by keeping postage and handling to an absolute minimum.

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