

Aenon Bible College
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**Twenty-One Questions About the Ministerial License
and Ordination Changes**

1. What is the start date for the required mandatory professional development two-hour seminar class?

Answer: The requirement for ministers to take the mandatory professional development seminar goes into effect immediately. All ministers seeking to renew their license for the 2025-2026 term will need to secure their certificate of completion as a requirement for their license renewal.

2. If I am currently enrolled in either the Ministerial Introduction (MI) or Ordination Procedures (OP), can I finish up the traditional program before the new program starts?

Answer: All ministerial candidates currently enrolled in either the Ministerial Introduction or the Ordination Procedures class will have until June 30, 2025, to complete their program. Ministerial candidates that do not complete their coursework by June 30, 2025, will automatically be enrolled in the new Aenon Ministerial License Program.

3. Is there a cut-off date for signing up for the traditional Aenon Bible College coursework for ministerial and ordination license?

Answer: No new students are currently being admitted into the traditional ministerial program. Ministerial students that are not currently enrolled will be required to complete the new Aenon Ministerial License and Ordination program.

4. My pastor had me scheduled to receive my fellowship papers at our upcoming Council, which is scheduled this spring. If I have not received

my Fellowship Papers, am I automatically required to be enrolled in the new program?

Answer: Unique and non-traditional requests should send their written request to the President of Aenon Bible College.

5. The new Fellowship Papers protocols require four videos covering (a) The Role of the Minister, (b) Introduction to Preaching, (c) New Testament Survey and (d) Old Testament Survey. When does this program start, and if I am currently approved by my pastor to take the traditional Fellowship Papers protocol, is there a way I can be enrolled in the traditional program?

Answer: Unique and non-traditional requests should send their written request to the President of Aenon Bible College.

6. For the new Fellowship Papers, am I required to have any other academic responsibility, other than viewing the four-video assignment?

Answer: Yes, upon completion of the video presentations, students will be required to pass a summary evaluation. Once the summary evaluation is completed, the Ministerial student can submit the certificate of completion from Aenon Bible College and submit this paperwork at the local District Council. District Council cost associated with providing the Fellowship Papers remains under the jurisdiction of the specific District Council.

7. What are the four license areas under the new Aenon Bible College requirement?

Answer: Here are the four areas of Ministerial License, Ordination and Professional Development:

- (a) Fellowship Papers Certificate
- (b) The Elder License Certification
- (c) The Ordination License Certification

(d) The Pastors-Ministers-Leaders Annual Professional Development Certificate (Required and mandated for all PAW Pastors, Ministers, and Leaders)

8. Have these new rules for Aenon Bible College been approved by the Executive Business Council (EBC) and the General Bishop Board of the PAW?

Answer: Yes, all of the new requirements and protocols have been approved by the Executive Bishop Council and the General Board of Bishops on Thursday, January 19, 2025, at the Bishop Board meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

9. Will Aenon Bible College offer a payment plan on the new semester-by-semester design?

Answer: Yes, Aenon Bible College will offer flexible payment plans on a semester-by-semester basis.

10. Since the new Aenon ministerial and ordination licenses requirement are cohort based, are there any other delivery systems a student can sign up for in the new program?

Answer: Aenon Bible College will offer an online, group focused, and independent vertical program for all of the ministerial offerings.

11. I am currently enrolled in traditional ministerial coursework at an Aenon Institute through my local church or Council, are there similar or different rules that apply to students enrolled in officially approved Aenon Institutes?

Answer: Students that are currently enrolled in an Aenon Institute program will have until June 30, 2025, to complete their program. Any student that is not completed by June 30, 2025, will have to enroll in the new Aenon program.

12. What is the future for Aenon Institutes under the new program design?

Answer: All Aenon Institutes will go through a re-evaluation to ensure that all Aenon Institutes programming is consistent across the board, meaning all programs. Once the re-evaluation is completed, affirming new syllabi and new Clinical Professor requirements, Aenon Institutes will be allowed to reopen.

13. What is the purpose for these transformational changes in Fellowship Papers, Elder License, Ordination License, and an annual mandated professional development course?

Answer: The new administration at Aenon Bible College conducted research to determine the level of preparation for our ministerial program and concluded that a major transformation of our delivery system and the rigor of ministerial preparation need to be enhanced. Based upon this review, institutional and organizational changes were recommended with the goal of ensuring the ministerial training program was of high standards and quality.

14. Can I secure my annual two-hour professional development seminar requirement other than at Aenon Bible college?

Answer: In this transition period of moving from the old requirements to the new requirements, Aenon Bible College will be the sole provider of professional development training for PAW ministers.

15. I understand there is an international effort to provide ministerial training opportunities at Aenon Bible College with other Apostolic Pentecostal organizations?

Answer: Yes, Aenon Bible College is sponsoring the International Consortium for Ministerial License and Ordination for Apostolic Pentecostal Ministers. The effort is designed to partner with other Apostolic Pentecostal organization for training and professional development sessions in order to advance the impact of the Apostolic Pentecostal movement around the world.

16. Will Aenon Bible College will make accommodations for students with confirmed learning disabilities, that are enrolled in these professional development courses?

Answer: Yes, Aenon Bible College will make the appropriate professional accommodations for students with verified documentation regarding accommodation for the learning experience.

17. If I am interested in teaching for Aenon Bible College or one of the Aenon Bible Institutes, what is the process for applying to become a Clinical Faculty Member?

Answer: Within the next 30 days of this communication, Aenon Bible College will be conducting an international search for qualified academic faculty and skilled Clinical Professors to teach in our programs. Please continue to watch our website as this information becomes available.

18. What specific qualifications do I need to teach courses for Aenon Bible College on the Ecclesiastical side of the house?

Answer: The specific requirements for all faculty positions at Aenon Bible College are under review. Our goal is to engage uniquely qualified educators to support the new vision of Aenon Bible College.

19. I am currently enrolled in an accredited seminar program; can the hours that I am taking in my accredited program be applied toward my annual mandatory professional development requirement?

Answer: Yes, students who are currently enrolled in an accredited seminary or theology program will be able to meet their annual professional development requirement by submitting their completed transcript to the Office of the President of Aenon Bible College for review and confirmation to secure the annual renewal of license.

20. I understand that Aenon Bible College has a partnership with the Howard University School of Divinity. What is the nature of the partnership and what are the implications for the college and the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World?

Answer: Yes, Aenon Bible College has been blessed to have a professional and collegial relationship with the leadership team at Howard University School of Divinity. This partnership is historic for Aenon Bible College, and we look forward to partnering on several academic and outreach initiatives.

21. Is there an age requirement where the mandatory annual professional development mandate is no longer applicable to ministers?

Answer: Yes, the age requirements are as follows:

- Ministers and Elders that reach the age of 78, are no longer required to complete the annual professional development mandate.
- Pastors, District Elders, Suffragan Bishops, Bishops that reach the age of 80, will not be required to complete the annual professional development mandate.
- Aenon Bible College recommends that all leaders charged with auxiliaries, dioceses, state and national leadership positions provide the quality leadership example of continuing to enroll in the annual professional development program sponsored by Aenon Bible College.