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## **Minister Program Application and Membership Criteria**

The Bancroft Centre for Awakening Spiritual Growth currently has the following guidelines in place for members wishing to register with the Ontario Government Marriage Office. Our policy is not to register officiates that only want to legally be allowed to officiate weddings.

Our mission is to teach, ordain, and support ministers, as we are a full Metaphysical Ministry.

### **You must be a legal resident of Ontario**

Upon acceptance of membership all recipients will be eligible to apply to be registered with the Office of the Registrar General to be licensed to officiate marriages providing they qualify by forwarding the following information and completing the Nine-month Ministry Program taught through the Meta-Spiritual Teaching Centre. You will be ordained as a Metaphysical Minister, your denomination will be The Bancroft Centre for Awakening Spiritual Growth.

### **You must be a legal resident of Ontario to officiate marriages in Ontario**

**All applicants must:**

- **1** Provide a Criminal Records Search and further updates every 2 years. Available from your local RCMP Office or City Police Department
- **2** Provide 3 letters of Reference – 2 Professional 1 Personal
- **3** Provide a letter stating why you would like to be ordained with our Centre. *This letter must accompany your contact with The Meta Spiritual Teaching Centre.*
- **4** You must complete the classes approved by the Bancroft Centre for Awakening Spiritual Growth and administered through the Meta-Spiritual Teaching Centre.

**MANDATORY Courses are Follows:**

8 Metaphysical Ministry Classes

6 Pastoral Care Classes

6 Marriage Classes

8 Ceremony of Life Classes

2 Day in class workshop for Marriage and Ceremony of life exams.

These classes are offered weekly, online through the Zoom platform. The two-day workshop will be held in Apsley Ontario. This will give you the four certificates needed to be ordained with this Centre.

**Please Note: Participation in all classes and the two-day workshops are mandatory for completion.**

- **5** Membership is only considered current and in “good standing “if membership is maintained and certified by Bancroft Centre for Awakening Spiritual Growth.

- **6** It is the member's responsibility to inform the Bancroft Centre for Awakening Spiritual Growth of any changes in their personal information such as address, phone number, name, email address. The Bancroft Centre is then responsible to update the information with the Marriage Office to ensure license is valid.
- **7** A declaration form must be completed on a Yearly basis notifying the Bancroft Centre for Awakening Spiritual Growth of any changes pertaining to your Ministry. This would also include how your ministry is moving forward.
- **8** (Requirements may change according to the Office of the Registrar General)

For program completion and graduation, students will take their vows, complete and sign required government registration forms at the Graduation/Ordination ceremony. This will allow graduating students to be officially registered with the Office of the Registrar General in the Province of Ontario only and thus, legally qualified to officiate marriages.

The graduation/ordination ceremony will be held in September 2022 (location and time will be determined)

**Attendance is mandatory for licensing and program completion.**

The annual membership administrative fee payable to Bancroft Centre for Awakening Spiritual Growth is \$150.00 a year. Invoices are sent out in December and payable January. Declaration form will be sent to you at this time.

This fee covers your membership with the Centre as well administrative costs and on-going support. Your name, email, and contact information will be included in Wedding Officiant's listing on the Centre's website.

<https://bancroftspiritualcentre.com/>

We have included a Wedding Officiant Bio page on our website to help promote our Ministers. If you would like to post your picture with a short Bio, there is a one time charge of \$50.00 which includes your space and cost of updating your information.

Upon program completion, we welcome you to join our private Ministry Facebook group which offers further support, networking, and information updates regarding Office of the Registrar General's business changes. We are also in the process of having a Ministry in Action page that will allow others to locate Ministry's in your area. More information to follow pertaining to this new page. There will be a \$20.00 yearly fee for this which will be donated a children's fund each year.

Please be sure to carefully read and complete the Application Form thoroughly and attach all required documents. Completed forms may be scanned and emailed directly to [metaspiritualteaching@gmail.com](mailto:metaspiritualteaching@gmail.com).

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact Rev. Lisa Dales via email or by phone at [metaspiritualteaching@gmail.com](mailto:metaspiritualteaching@gmail.com) or (705) 652-0977

**Please retain these documents for your records.**

**We look very forward to welcoming you into our Ministry.**