



DMTC

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2026-2027

CHURCH OF  THE NAZARENE
CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT



WELCOME

Preparing for ministry is about more than completing courses. As you respond to God's call, the Canada Central District is committed to equipping women and men for a lifetime of faithful ministry in the Church of the Nazarene.

While you'll complete courses online, you'll also become part of a community of ministry students and pastors from across our district who are learning and growing together.

The Non-degree Course of Study (NCOS)

The NCOS is one of the Church of the Nazarene's approved educational pathways for those preparing for ordained ministry.

Students may complete the entire program through the DMTC or combine previous Bible college or seminary education with NCOS courses to meet the educational requirements for ordination.

The NCOS consists of 21 courses. The DMTC offers four to five courses each academic year, allowing you to complete the program while serving in ministry, working, and caring for your family.

Overview

Course Length: 8 weeks

Class Time: One 2-hour online class each week

Program Length: 21 NCOS courses

Course Cost: \$300 plus textbooks (scholarships available)

Course Delivery: Online through Ambrose University

THE ORDINATION PROCESS

Ordination is the public act of the church's affirmation of God's calling you to a lifetime of service to the church. As you prepare for this, you'll grow through ministry experience, mentoring, theological education, and the licensing process.

Your pastor and local church will help you discern your call and may recommend you for a **Local Minister's Licence**. As you continue preparing for ministry, the **District Board of Ministry** will guide you through the district licensing process and, when all requirements have been met, recommend you for **ordination**.

The DMTC supports this journey by providing the educational requirements through the **Non-degree Course of Study (NCOS)**.

For a complete explanation of ministerial preparation, licensing, and ordination, refer to the [Guide to Ministerial Preparation and Ordination](#).



**GOD CALLS. THE LOCAL CHURCH AFFIRMS. THE
DISTRICT BOARD OF MINISTRY GUIDES AND EVALUATES.
THE DMTC PREPARES. THE CHURCH ORDAINS.**

2026-2027 Courses



The Moral Shape of Christian Ministry **September 2026**

Learn how to apply biblical ethics and Wesleyan-Holiness principles to real-life ministry decisions and challenging moral questions.



Church Finance and Administration **November 2026**

Develop practical skills in church administration, financial stewardship, organizational leadership, and managing the day-to-day operations of a healthy church.



Introduction to Church History **Winter 2027**

Explore the people, events, and movements that have shaped the Christian Church and continue to influence ministry today.



Christian Theology 2 **Spring 2027**

Deepen your understanding of creation, humanity, sin, salvation, and the hope of Christ's return from a Wesleyan-Holiness perspective.

WHAT IS THE DMTC?

Our Mission

The District Ministry Training Centre (DMTC) equips and supports women and men responding to God's call to ministry by providing the educational requirements for ordination on the Canada Central District.

Accessible Ministry Education

The Non-degree Course of Study (NCOS) provides a flexible pathway to ordination while you continue serving in your local church, working, and caring for your family. Courses are offered online and facilitated by experienced pastors from across our district.

Previous Theological Education

Already completed Bible college or seminary? We'll help have your previous studies assessed so you know which NCOS courses you still need to complete.

Supporting Your Journey

The DMTC is here to help you throughout your studies. We'll:

- Help you plan your educational pathway.
- Guide you through course registration.
- Maintain your NCOS transcript.
- Coordinate transcript assessments.
- Apply district scholarships.
- Answer your questions along the way.



The DMTC works in partnership with Ambrose University to deliver the NCOS. Learn how that partnership works on the next page.

STUDYING WITH AMBROSE

The Canada Central District partners with Ambrose University to deliver the Non-degree Course of Study (NCOS). While your courses are hosted by Ambrose, the DMTC is your district training centre and your primary point of contact throughout your educational journey.

The partnership allows you to receive the academic support of a university while remaining connected to the pastors, leaders, and licensing process of the Canada Central District.

Becoming an Ambrose Student

When you're ready to begin your first course, we'll guide you through the Ambrose application process. Once accepted, you'll receive an Ambrose student account, an Ambrose email address, and access to Moodle, where you'll complete your coursework.

Throughout Your Studies

For each new course, continue registering through the DMTC. We'll coordinate your registration, apply your district scholarship, and help you stay on track toward completing the NCOS.

Academic Policies and Student Resources

Because your courses are hosted by Ambrose, you'll follow Ambrose University's academic policies and procedures. Student resources, library services, and Moodle support are also provided through Ambrose.

Tuition and Scholarships

Course fees are paid directly to Ambrose University. The Canada Central District provides a scholarship that reduces the cost of each DMTC course to \$150.

Registration Changes

Once your registration has been processed by Ambrose, refunds cannot be issued. Students who withdraw from or do not complete a course may be required to repay their district scholarship.

TAKING A COURSE WITH THE DMTC

Registering for a Course

When registration opens, the DMTC will email students. Let us know you'd like to register, and we'll guide you through the Ambrose University registration process.

Learning Together

Although your course is online, you won't be studying alone. You'll learn alongside ministry students from across the Canada Central District in weekly live classes facilitated by experienced pastors who understand ministry in our local context.

Your Online Classroom

Your course is accessed through Moodle, Ambrose University's online learning platform. Here you'll find your readings, assignments, grades, and links to your live class sessions. If you're new to Moodle, don't worry. Tutorials are available on our Student Resources page.



WHAT TO EXPECT EACH WEEK

Each course is designed to fit alongside your ministry, work, and family responsibilities. While the workload will vary from week to week, most students spend about 10+ hours per week reading, completing assignments, and participating in class.

- Read assigned material before the class
- Watch video lessons before the class
- Participate in a weekly online class one night a week
- Complete required assignments
- Expect about 10+ hours of work each week

NEED A COURSE WE'RE NOT OFFERING?

If the DMTC isn't offering a course you need, you can take it online through Ambrose University or Nazarene Bible College (NBC). The Canada Central District provides a scholarship to help cover the additional cost, and we'll update your DMTC transcript once you've completed the course. Before registering, contact us so we can help you choose the correct course.

For step-by-step instructions, scholarship information, and registration details, visit the [Student Resources page](#) on our website or [contact our admin](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Canada Central District is committed to making ministry education affordable. Every DMTC student preparing for ministry on the Canada Central District receives a scholarship, reducing the cost of each course to \$150. *Students who withdraw or do not complete the course will be required to repay the scholarship.*

COURSE LIST (NCOS)

These courses are part of the new NCOS (Non-degree Course of Study) curriculum. The NCOS is an approved course of study in the Church of the Nazarene and meets the educational requirements for ordination.

1. God's Holy Call on Women and Men to Ministry
2. Biblical Literature and Scriptural Interpretation
3. Old Testament Scriptures and Theology
4. New Testament Scriptures and Theology
5. The Mission, Ministry, and Identity of the Church of the Nazarene
6. Theology of Christian Holiness
7. Introduction to Church History
8. Celebration of Women in Ministry
9. The Moral Shape of Christian Ministry
10. Christian Discipleship in a Pluralistic Age
11. Transformational Leadership
12. Christian Theology 1
13. Christian Theology 2
14. The Vital Church in Context
15. The Missional Church
16. The Church in Worship
17. The Proclamation of the Living Word
18. Christian Ministry in Inter-Cultural Contexts
19. Pastoral Care and Counseling
20. Church Leadership and Administration
21. Ordination Capstone

Our courses are taught over 8 weeks with in-class sessions online live with a facilitator and other students. This weekly class is an important time for discussion and application to ministry.

The cost is \$300 plus a \$75 application fee to Ambrose. The DMTC will provide a scholarship for up to half of the registration fee (\$150)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many courses should I take each year?

Students working toward a District Minister's Licence are generally expected to complete at least two courses each year. Speak with the DMTC if you'd like help planning your next steps.

Can my previous Bible college or seminary education count?

Yes. Previous theological education may be assessed for credit toward the NCOS. Contact the DMTC to learn more.

What if the DMTC isn't offering a course I need?

You are able to take the course through Ambrose University or Nazarene Bible College (NBC). Scholarship support is available, and a guide on how to get started is available on our Student Resources page.

How do I register for a course?

If you're taking a course facilitated by the DMTC (on our calendar) we will email students when registration is open. You register your interest in the course and we will guide you through the Ambrose process. If you're taking a course that isn't facilitated by the DMTC, Mo from Ambrose will guide you through the registration process - our team is available to help you determine what courses to take and connect you with the Ambrose team.

Who keeps my transcript?

The DMTC maintains your NCOS transcript and updates it as courses are completed. If you complete courses through another approved provider, send us your final grade so we can update your record. These transcripts are shared with the Board of Ministry, making it easy for reporting.

Do I pay the DMTC or Ambrose?

Course fees are now paid directly to Ambrose University. The DMTC provides a scholarship that reimburses your cost up to \$150 per course - you will receive information on how to apply for the scholarship when you register for a course.

When should I apply to Ambrose University?

You only need to apply to Ambrose when you're ready to take your first NCOS course. This is a straightforward registration process for DMTC students. Once your application has been processed, you'll remain an Ambrose student for future courses. Before each new course, simply let the DMTC know you'd like to register so we can guide you through the process, track your progress, and apply your district scholarship.

FACULTY

Our faculty are ordained elders on the Canada Central District with graduate theological education and years of ministry experience.

They guide discussions each week, grade your assignments and help you apply what you're learning to your ministry.

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