

FINAL ASSESSMENT

G-14.0450: *“In the final year of theological education or when a candidate has satisfied the requirements of this section, and before the candidate has received a call, the committee on preparation for ministry of the candidate’s presbytery shall conduct a final assessment of the candidate’s readiness to begin ordained ministry...”*

Information CPM Is Expected to Have in Hand at the Time of Final Assessment:

Requirements to Be Certified Ready for Examination (G-14.0450):

“This consultation shall focus on the outcomes of inquiry and candidacy and shall include each of the following requirements of certification:

- (1) Demonstration of readiness to begin ministry of the Word and Sacrament as required to fulfill the candidacy phase of preparation;*
- (2) Presentation of a transcript showing satisfactory grades at a regionally accredited college or university, together with a diploma;*
- (3) Presentation of a transcript from a theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools acceptable to the presbytery, the transcript showing satisfactory grades, and presentation of a plan to complete the theological degree including Hebrew and Greek and exegesis of the Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek texts;*
- (4) Presentation of satisfactory grades together with the examination papers in the five areas covered by the Presbyteries’ Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates.” [Open Book Bible- Exegesis, Bible Content, Theological Competence, Worship and Sacraments, Church Polity]*

A List of Other Requirements Made by the CPM and Included in the Covenant Agreement.

Other Information:

Pre-interview Report (Form 3) for Senior Year identifying Covenant Agreements and Responses

Statement of Faith
Previous Annual Consultation Reports Report of
Outcomes of Inquiry Phase Field Education Reports
Clinical Pastoral Education Reports

**Review of the Remaining Outcomes of Candidacy Phase
As Listed In Advisory Handbook (p. 11, Part V.B.4)**

Candidate is “*to demonstrate readiness to begin ministry*” by:

- a. *presenting evidence of competence in the fields of theology, Bible, polity, and worship and Sacraments ordinarily attested by completion of the requirements of G-14.0450; and evidence of ministerial skill attested in the supervised practice of ministry;*
- b. *presenting evidence of readiness to participate in a calling presbytery’s plan for transition and of plans for continuing study and growth (G-11.0103n);*
- c. *expressing theological views compatible with the confessional documents of the church;*
- d. *expressing understanding of the meaning of the questions required for ordination (W-4.4003) informed by knowledge of the church in diverse settings;*
- e. *revealing commitment to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament within the discipline of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with personal maturity, spiritual depth, and a capacity to respond to the needs of others, including colleagues in ministry;*
- f. *presenting a written sermon, together with a description of the contemporary need to which it was addressed and an exegetical interpretation of the biblical material out of which the sermon arose. This sermon shall be preached before the calling presbytery or a committee thereof as a part of the appearance of the candidate.”*

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