### Resources

- *Advisory Handbook for Preparation for Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*
  

### Overview of Ordination Process & Requirements*

- First, must be a member of a church for 6+ months.
  1. To enter “Inquiry” phase: tell board (“session”) and pastor, who must vote to take you “under care.” Complete online forms and answer questions in front of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, which refers you to Presbytery to be enrolled as an Inquirer.
  2. “Candidacy” process will be governed by Committee on Preparation for Ministry (see Advisory Handbook). Candidacy can be completed once service in a church, academic work (including graduation from seminary with “satisfactory grades” and Coursework Required), and ordination exams are completed.

### Coursework Required*

- Presbyterian/Reformed theology, worship & sacraments, church polity (*to prepare for Ordination Exam*).
- Hebrew and Greek
- Exegesis of the Old and New Testaments (*usually with additional Bible classes*).
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is often required.

*Requirements vary by Presbytery. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry for one’s Presbytery will determine the specific academic and church service requirements for each individual.

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