

**NEW YORK SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
ADVANCED CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

This program is for persons who discern a call to commissioned ministry in the UCC, when their Committee on Ministry decides that NYSOM provides the appropriate educational and formational path for them. This program is designed to last two to three years.

Pre-Requisites

1. Completion of Christian Leadership Program
2. Letter of Recommendation from home church
3. Member in Discernment with home association
4. Letter from the Chair of the individual's Committee on Ministry, stating that s/he is a Member in Discernment and that the committee has decided that the Advanced Christian Leadership Program is the appropriate educational and formational path.

Requirements

1. Attendance at 4 weeks of the Summer Academy at Lancaster Theological Seminary or Yale Divinity School's Summer Study. Lancaster offers one week each summer, and Yale offers two. If an alternative is needed, other seminaries' summer programs, with contact hours equivalent to Lancaster's and Yale's, may be approved by the Dean.
2. Completion (with grade of Pass) of four morning courses at Lancaster's Summer Academy (or both the morning and afternoon courses for each week at Yale's Summer Study). At least two must be related to the area of ministry for which the participant seeks commissioning. Participants should take the workshops and evening courses at Lancaster's Summer Academy as well. Papers are to be written for both morning and evening courses at Lancaster and for both morning and afternoon courses at Yale. At Lancaster, participants may take two evening courses in one area to meet the area requirement that one morning course would meet, although a morning course (at Lancaster) and morning and afternoon courses (at Yale) will still be required for each of the four weeks of attendance.
3. Completion of one year of supervised ministry
4. Two years of regular meetings with a mentor (six sessions per year).
5. Attendance at two NYSOM fall learning events and two NYSOM spring learning events.
6. Attendance at one annual meeting of the New York Conference

Tuition

The basic tuition for this program, for NY Conference participants enrolling in 2015, is \$1250, payable in semi-annual installments for up to two years. Financial Aid is available. This tuition must be paid in full before an Advanced Christian Leadership Certificate is granted. Tuition for Lancaster's Summer Academy 2015, which includes course fees, room, and board, is \$900/week. Tuition for Yale Summer Study 2015, which does not include room and board, is \$700.