



Requirements for Ministers of Education and of the Gospel

Candidates must submit a Minister of Education Application and complete the first reading and essay assignment*. Two or more Ekklesia approved ministers may examine the applicant's Christian lifestyle and suitability for the ministry. Subject to a successful examination, the ministers may make a written recommendation for approval to the Ekklesia in Education Elder Board or to a board authorized to act on behalf of the Ekklesia Board.

Upon approval for licensing or ordination, the candidate may schedule a local commissioning service to include a blessing by the laying on of hands and anointing. If the approved applicant has not completed all requirements for ordination, the applicant may be licensed as a minister of Christian Education and the Gospel after the commissioning service blessing.

Annual credentialing renewals are required and commence on January 1. Before each annual renewal, ministers must read and complete essay assignments for at least one book until four of five books and assignments are completed. Renewal fees are \$250 per year and may be paid personally or by the minister's school or ministry organization. All requirements must be completed by ministers before the third annual renewal.

Required Reading for Licensing and Ordination

Ekklesia by Dr. Ed Silvano and *Quest for Quality Education* by Clifford E. Daugherty EdD, and Danny D. Kim are prioritized as the first two required readings.

*Assignments may either be completed individually, based on one book each year (three or more-page essays) or as a collective submission covering four of the five books (seven or more-page essay).

Anointed for Business by Dr. Ed Silvano, 2002

Quest for Excellence by Clifford E. Daugherty, EdD, 2006, reprinted 2015

The Quest Continues by Clifford E. Daugherty, EdD, 2015

Ekklesia by Dr. Ed Silvano, 2017

Quest for Quality Education by Clifford E. Daugherty EdD, and Danny D. Kim, 2019

The essay(s) should answer the following questions:

1. How can God extend his reach in me (personal), through me (immediate sphere of influence), and beyond me (the community and the world) as a Minister of Christian Education based upon principles from the selected reading?
2. How can God help me to reach all the children in my community that they may hear the truth and have a choice to follow Jesus?

Send the completed essay by email to jstewart@vcs.net.

Requirements:	Commissioning	Licensing	Ordination
Application	✓	✓	✓
Agreement with Statement of Faith	✓	✓	✓
Agreement with EIE vision, mission, and purpose	✓	✓	✓
Agreement with Philosophy of Christian Education		✓	✓
Bachelors Degree *From a regionally accredited college	✓	✓	✓
Biblical Studies		6 semester hours or 18 CEUs	9 semester hours or 27 CEUs
Sacerdotal Duties: Baptism, Communion, and Marriage		✓	✓
Pre-requisites:			
Required Reading	Suggested reading is recommended	✓	✓
Written Evidence		✓	✓
Examination		✓	✓
Ministry Evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three years full-time proven Christian leadership ministry experience and completion of Ekklesia Licensing requirements <u>OR</u> • One year of EIE Licensing <u>OR</u> • Transfer of ordination by recognized Christian church upon completion of required reading 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓

*Accrediting agency must be approved by the US DOE or another recognized agency by the EIE.