

R3 Ministerial Studies Diploma from WCBCS

Upon completion of the Ministerial Studies Diploma (including all three levels of study), the student will have met the minimum academic requirements to apply for the ordination process with R3 (formerly known as New Life Christian Fellowship). Successful completion of the Ministerial Studies Program of West Coast Bible College should prepare the student for credentialing interviews & tests. The student will have mastered the basic Bible content (Old & New Testaments), theological principles, & practical ministry skills for service in a church leadership position.

Please note: Ministerial credentials are issued by the Board of Directors of R3, not by West Coast Bible College & Seminary. This Ministerial Studies program provides academic training, not ministerial recognition.

First Level (Ministerial Apprentice)

Upon completion of the First Level of the Ministerial Certificate, a student should possess the academic requirements to apply for Ministerial Apprentice status with the Board of Directors of R3. This would include a working knowledge of Bible study methods, New Testament content, & a Foundation of Theology. He or she should possess the basic skills needed to begin serving in a ministerial role in the local church.

- BIBL 101 Interpreting the Bible
 - LIFE 101 The Personal Life of a Minister
 - MIN 101 Prayer
 - COM 101 Public Speaking
 - BIBL 103 Foundation of Theology
 - LIFE 201 Personal Management (Family, Self, Ministry, Time, etc.)
 - BUSI 101 Foundations of Business
 - COM 201 Message / Lesson Preparation
 - BIBL 201 Old Testament Overview
 - BIBL 202 New Testament Overview
 - COUN 101 Biblical Crisis Counseling
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- MIN 191 Beginning Ministerial Internship

Second Level (Ministerial License)

Upon completion of the Second Level of the Ministerial Certificate, a student should possess the academic requirements to apply for Ministerial License status with the Board of Directors of R3. This would include a mastery of specified Bible content, systematic theology, & ministry skills.

- BIBL 301 Old Testament: The Books of Moses
 - LIFE 301 The Minister's Finances
 - MIN 201 Christian Leadership
 - COM 301 Apologetics: How To Communicate What You Believe
 - BIBL 302 Old Testament: Historical Books
 - COUN 201 Marriage Counseling
 - MIN 202 The Worship Experience
 - MIN 301 Principles of Breakout Church in the 21st Century
 - BIBL 303 Old Testament: Books of Wisdom
 - MIN 302 Evangelism and Effective Follow Up
 - MIN 303 Missions (Mission & Planning)
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- MIN 291 Intermediate Ministerial Internship

Third Level (Ordination)

Upon completion of the Third Level Ministerial Certificate, a student should possess the academic requirements to apply for Ordination status with the Board of Directors of R3. This would include mastery of several of the more difficult books of the Bible, advanced theological concepts, and administrative skills required for ministerial roles.

- BIBL 304 Old Testament: Books of the Prophets
 - LIFE 401 Practical Duties of The Minister
 - MIN 403 Christian Discipleship
 - COUN 301 Counseling Life Issues
 - BIBL 401 New Testament: The Four Gospels and Acts
 - BUSI 301 Practical Church Business Administration
 - MIN 404 Top Ten Mistakes Leaders Make
 - COUN 401 Conflict Resolution
 - BIBL 402 New Testament: Romans – Philemon
 - BIBL 403 New Testament: Hebrews – Revelation
 - BIBL 404 Church History
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- MIN 391 Advanced Ministerial Internship