



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE C&MA

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Preliminary Requirements

- **Educational:** Applicants must have a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours of study in Bible, theology, and ministry with a minimum of 18 of these credits being in Bible and/or theology. These credits must be from either (1) an Alliance college, (2) a graduate school, or (3) a fully accredited institution that affirms the authority of Scripture as the only rule of Christian faith and practice. If you do not have these credits already completed, please inquire about our alternative education options. These can be completed alongside the application process.
- **Licensable:** In order for an individual to be licensed, he/she must first be accredited by The C&MA. In order for a position to be considered licensable, an individual must be working at least 10 hours per week and being paid at least \$300 per month.

Online Application

- If you believe you meet the preliminary educational requirements for accreditation, [Create your Called2Serve account](#)
- You will complete the initial NextSteps application which includes some brief biographical information along with a pastoral reference request.
- Once you have done this, please note that it typically **takes a few business days** for your application form to be reviewed. Once we have received your Next Steps form and pastoral recommendation for ministry in The C&MA, we will then give you access to the full application.
- Upon approval, sign into your [Called2Serve account](#) again. An additional application in the *All Applications* section on the home page will now be available. This is the full accreditation application. You will have 11 or 12 sections to complete:
 1. Release of Records
 2. Personal Information
 3. Competently Skilled
 4. Spirit Dependent
 5. Kingdom Minded
 6. Self-Disciplined
 7. Self-Aware
 8. Biblically Grounded
 9. Background Disclosure Form
 10. Character References
 11. Bible Knowledge Exam (\$25 fee)
 12. Divorce Appeal (if applicable)



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In-Person Interview

- You will work with our office to schedule your accreditation interview with us upon completing your online accreditation application.
- After scheduling your interview, we will email you a copy of our district's *Accreditation Interview Study Guide* to help guide your studies.
- This in-person accreditation interview will last approximately ninety minutes with our Credentials Council (CC) at our district office in St Bonifacius, MN.
- You are highly encouraged to bring a Bible to your interview along with your spouse if he or she is available.
- You will be informed of our decision to approve or delay your accreditation shortly after your interview.

Licensing Details

- In order for a position to be considered licensable, an individual must be working at least 10 hours per week and being paid at least \$300 per month.
- Once an individual has been accredited and placed in a licensable position, he/she can be licensed to that position.

Resonate Event

- Resonate is an annual gathering of new Alliance workers, hosted by the National Office that is designed to care for and invest in our new workers as followers of Christ and to connect and engage them deeply with the work of The Alliance locally and globally.
- You will automatically be put on the distribution list to receive email information and updates regarding the event once you are licensed, but feel free to connect with our district office if you would like additional information.