

NTP Ordination requirements

Steps for Ordination in the North Texas Presbytery

1. Ministerial Relations Committee must have your call-in hand and approved by them before we can proceed with Oral exams.
2. Copy of completing Internship requirements.
3. Transcripts from Seminary, a copy of the official is sufficient. If mailing FWPCA, C/O Steve Fults PO Box 16307 Ft Worth, TX 76162
4. Copy of Diploma/transcript for Bachelor or Masters from a University or college.
5. Theological Paper and Exegetical paper.*
6. Your exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms along with the views questions. If you have already done this for Licensure we would like another copy to send to the committee for the meeting.
7. Written & Oral Exams are in Theology, English Bible and the Book of Church Order, Church History and Sacraments. If you have been licensed in NTP the final two exams will be the only ones to prepare for.
8. Send the name of your Proctor & email for exams and the date you are taking your exams to the TEC Clerk.
9. Written exams are due back to me 10 days before the scheduled Oral Exam date.
10. All exams are closed book. No bible, no internet, no notes. Each exam must be completed once you begin. The exams can be taken on different days.
11. All written exams MUST be passed prior to being scheduled for Oral Examination by the TEC. Failure of any of the written exams requires retaking the written exam and being examined orally at the next quarterly TEC meeting.
12. Reference BCO 21

*According to BCO 21.4.c.2-3, the candidate for Ordination shall:

1. "prepare a thesis on some theological topic assigned by Presbytery," and
2. "prepare an exegesis on an assigned portion of Scripture, requiring the use of the original language or languages."

To assist the candidate in the fulfilling of these requirements, the TEC provides the following guidelines:

Selection of Topics:

- The candidate may submit exegetical and theological papers that have been previously prepared during his seminary studies, or may select a new topic at his discretion and approval of the TEC. Examples:
 - *"New Creations in Christ: An Exegesis of 2 Cor. 5:17-21"*
 - *"A Reformed Theological Analysis and Evaluation of the Doctrine of Inherent Righteousness in the Council of Trent"*

- The TEC may also choose to assign a specific topic to the candidate, at its discretion.

Standards:

- **Length of the paper:** no less than 5000 words and not more than 10,000 words, excluding footnotes and Bibliography
- **Format and Layout:** double-spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman, with page numbers. Footnotes may be either 10 or 12 pt. font. The papers should be sent in MS-Word format, NOT .pdf. Either APA or MLS standards are acceptable. A title page should be included.
- **Content and Style:** The papers should be written in academic form, clearly stating the thesis and arguing the points and conclusion using scholarly and primarily primary sources. It should show an awareness of current discussion on the topic at hand and demonstrate an ability to interact with current scholarship, original languages, and historic and confessional theology.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send drafts of the papers to the TEC chairman for evaluation and feedback.