

UUA Credentialing Information

For students seeking credentialing from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

In order to be granted Ministerial Fellowship with the UUA, Master of Divinity students need to prepare for credentialing throughout their studies, beginning even before they enter the degree program. Meadville Lombard works closely with students to ensure that they have the opportunity to meet the requirements of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) credentialing process.

MFC guidelines are subject to change and so it is important that students stay apprised of the current guidelines. For the most current and complete information on UUA requirements for UU Fellowship, please see the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/careers/ministers/becoming/index.shtml>. Among the items that may be found there are “The Requirements for Ministerial Fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association” handbook, forms, and scholarship information.

Given current MFC guidelines, Meadville Lombard recommends that full-time students meet MFC requirements in the following sequence:

- Schedule or complete a career assessment **before** beginning the degree program. These must often be scheduled several months in advance, and it may take several months to receive the report. Information about career assessment can be found at the UUA’s website: <http://www.uua.org/careers/ministers/becoming/16193.shtml>.
- Meet with the Regional Sub-Committee on Candidacy by the fall of the second year. Appointments are made by contacting Chris Spiegel at cspiegel@uua.org, and must be done before you commence Congregational Studies (according to MFC Policy).
- Meet with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee during the fall of the third year.

UUA Internship Guidelines

The MFC requires candidates to complete extensive work in a congregation other than their home congregation. In Meadville Lombard TouchPointSM, this means students will need to either complete an integrated internship in a congregation other than their home congregation, or, if that is not possible, complete a fourth-year full-time internship in a congregation other than their home congregation. Meadville Lombard is committed to helping students complete the program at their desired pace and will work with students to find appropriate placements while meeting MFC guidelines.