



THE CERTIFICATE IN MINISTERIAL STUDIES

The Certificate In Ministerial Studies (CIMS) consists of 20 courses, offering 41 CIMS credits. Of the 41 CIMS credits, 34 are required for the CIMS certificate. The entire CIMS curriculum is presented in a DVD library of 503 DVD lessons of approximately 30 minutes in length, taught by master teachers. The teaching faculty is composed of pastors, college and seminary professors, and church leaders. Each course is accompanied by a study guide and textbook specifically designed for that course. At the option of Church of God institutions of higher education, CIMS credit may be converted to college credit by that institution when the student meets the entrance requirements, is accepted, and enrolls. The course work may be completed through a Distance Learning Center (DLC), a Distance Learning Seminar (DLS), DVD study, Internet study, or a noncredit option used in the local church or for personal enrichment.

CIMS was created primarily for those individuals who enter the ministry without formal education at the college or seminary level. In addition, CIMS is open to anyone who desires to pursue the CIMS study program. Everyone is welcome to enter without regard to denominational affiliation. CIMS also can be tailored to meet the needs of any group with an interest in using the DVD library.

The contents of this Operations Manual relate to the process of enrolling in the CIMS program, as well as to the role and responsibility of the individuals primarily in charge of the educational initiative.