



## SoCal School of Ministry/Vanguard University Partnership

Vanguard University of Southern California (VUSC) believes it is beneficial to offer a means whereby students from the SoCal School of Ministry who apply and are admitted to the University can receive academic credit at Vanguard upon successful completion of their various programs of study in the SoCal School of Ministry and the awarding of the appropriate ministerial credential.

VUSC has recognized the current course of study required in the SoCal School of Ministry, the academic qualifications of those providing the instruction, and the student work required for each level of credentialing as being a natural fit for Vanguard's School of Professional Studies. In addition, coursework in the SoCal School of Ministry through at least the Licensed Minister level will meet the pre-requisite requirements for entry into the Master of Theological Studies degree in the VUSC Graduate Program in Religion.

### **The SoCal School of Ministry/Vanguard University Partnership**

VUSC agrees to offer up to 27 units of academic credit (nine per credential level) after successful completion of the prescribed course of study at the SoCal School of Ministry and the conferment of the corresponding ministerial credential by the General Council of the Assemblies of God:

After successful completion of the course of study for Certified Ministry courses and conferment of the Certified Minister credential, 9 units of credit as follows:

- THEO 101C Foundations of Christian Life (3 units)
- 6 units of lower division Religion elective credit

After successful completion of study for Licensed Minister courses and conferment of the Licensed Minister credential, 9 units of credit as follows:

- NT 101C New Testament Survey (3 units)
- OT 201C Old Testament Survey (3 units)
- 3 units of lower division Religion elective credit

After successful completion of the course of study for Ordained Minister courses and conferment of the Ordained Minister credential, 9 units of credit as follows:

- THEO 103C Introduction to Theology (3 units)
- 6 units of lower division Religion elective credit

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## **Eligibility for Receiving Academic Credit:**

1. Credit can only be granted after the application of the student to Vanguard University School of Professional Studies is approved, the verification to the University of successful completion of the student's SoCal School of Ministry course of study, and written documentation of the credential level that the student has been granted.
2. Students applying for academic credit earned by completion of the SoCal School of Ministry must do so in the first semester of enrollment at VUSC. While the units will not post to their official transcript, this will guide their coordinator in course scheduling. (Students petitioning for the certified or licensed stages in the first semester will have up to five years to petition for up to the full 27 units offered through the School of Ministry.)
3. After completing 27 additional units in the School for Professional Studies with a minimum 2.0 grade point average (grades below C- will not count toward the 27 required), the student must submit the Form: Petition to Post Transferred Credits to have the units transferred from the SoCal School of Ministry posted on their official transcript.
4. The granting of credit through this means will be managed through Vanguard University's School of Professional Studies.
5. Students taking advantage of School of Ministry Credits by Coursework and Certification will be governed by all policies pertaining to the transfer of credit as outlined in the University's academic catalog.

