



Degree Requirements and Reciprocity Guide

Degree Requirements

I. Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree

Prerequisites:

- A. Maintain registration in any capacity as a commissioner during the entire training program listed below
- B. Complete Commissioner Orientation (Commissioner Field Book)
- C. Complete Commissioner Basic Training

Requirements:

Complete a minimum of seven courses of instruction with at least five (5) of the courses at the Bachelor program level as listed in the *Continuing Education for Commissioners Manual*.

Performance:

- A. Approval of Council or Assistant Council Commissioner
- B. Approval of Scout Executive or Staff Advisor to Commissioner Service

II. Master of Commissioner Science Degree

Prerequisites:

- A. An approved Bachelor's Degree of Commissioner Science Degree
- B. The Commissioner Arrowhead Honor
- C. Current registration as a Commissioner

Requirements:

Complete a minimum of seven additional courses of instruction (a total of 14) with at least seven of the courses at the Master's program level as listed in the *Continuing Education for Commissioners Manual*.

Performance:

- A. Approval of Council or Assistant Council Commissioner
- B. Approval of Scout Executive or Staff Advisor to Commissioner Service



III. Doctorate of Commissioner Science Degree

Prerequisites:

- A. An approved Masters of Commissioner Science Degree
- B. The Commissioner's Key
- C. Current registration as a Commissioner

Course Requirements:

Complete a minimum of ten additional courses of instruction not used to qualify for other college awards (total 24), at least five of the courses at the Doctorate level as listed in the *Continuing Education for Commissioners Manual*. Classes taught will count toward fulfillment of this requirement.

Thesis or Project:

- A. Completion of a thesis or project on any topic of value to Scouting in the Middle Tennessee Council.
- B. The topic and final paper or project must be approved by the Council Commissioner, or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner, and the Dean of the doctorate program, and the staff advisor for commissioner service.
- C. The thesis may not be started until completion of the Masters Degree and approval of the thesis review committee.
- D. The thesis must be submitted for review in an approved format

Performance:

- A. Serve on the College of Commissioner Science faculty (instructor or support staff) or work with training support for commissioners for at least one year,
- B. Approval of Council or Assistant Council Commissioner.
- C. Approval of Scout Executive or Staff Advisor to Commissioner Service.

NOTE: Bachelors and Masters Degrees are normally conferred during graduation at the College of Commissioner Science. However if a degree is completed in the interim, the degree may be given to the District Commissioner to be awarded at a Commissioners Meeting or to the Council Commissioner to be awarded to the District Commissioner or an Assistant Council Commissioner. **A Doctorate will only be conferred at the College of Commissioner Science.**



Reciprocity Guide

Outside Course Work

The Middle Tennessee Council College of Commissioner Science will credit courses from another Council to be applied towards a Middle Tennessee Council College of Commissioner Science Degree if prior approval has been obtained from the current Middle Tennessee Council Dean of the College of Commissioner Science, the Council Commissioner, Staff Advisor to Commissioner Service, or the Scout Executive. Classes taken at a University of Scouting that are not listed in the *Continuing Education for Commissioners Manual* do not transfer.

The college will also honor Commissioners courses taken at the Philmont Training Center. Credit for a degree may be given if other requirements are met.

Degrees Earned out of Council

The Middle Tennessee Council will honor degrees earned outside of the Council if the following conditions are met:

I. Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree

Credit for a Bachelors of Commissioner Science Degree earned in a Commissioner's College of another council will be granted in the Middle Tennessee Council if:

- A. The degree was earned in the last 10 years
- B. The Commissioner has been an active Commissioner since earning the degree
- C. The college required at least 5 courses for the degree
- D. The courses applied toward the degree are equivalent courses to the courses offered in the *Continuing Education for Commissioners Manual*. Classes taken at University of Scouting do not count toward the degree.

If the Commissioner attended a one week Commissioners course at the Philmont Training Center, credit for a Bachelors degree may be given if other requirements are met.

**Middle Tennessee Council
College of Commissioner Science**



II. Master of Commissioner Science Degree

Credit for a Masters of Commissioner Science Degree earned in a Commissioner's College of another Council will be granted in the Middle Tennessee Council if:

- A. The degree was earned in the last 10 years.
- B. The Commissioner has been an active Commissioner since earning the degree
- C. The College required at least 5 advanced courses for the degree above the Bachelors requirements
- D. The courses applied toward the degree are equivalent courses to the courses offered in the *Continuing Education for Commissioners Manual*. Classes taken at University of Scouting do not count toward the degree.

If the Commissioner attended one week of an Advanced Commissioners course at the Philmont Training Center, credit for a Masters degree may be given if other requirements are met.

III. Doctorate of Commissioner Science Degree

Credit for completed courses or a thesis toward a Doctorate degree will be given upon approval by the current Middle Tennessee Council Dean of the College of Commissioner Science, the Council Commissioner, Staff Advisor to Commissioner Service, or the Scout Executive. However, credit for courses or a thesis outside of the Middle Tennessee Council will only be given if:

- A. The candidate has been an active Commissioner since completing the course work or thesis
- B. The candidate has been registered as a Commissioner and been active in Middle Tennessee Council for at least one year
- C. A candidate has participated in at least one Middle Tennessee Council College of Commissioner Science

NOTE: The Middle Tennessee College will honor the Commissioner Arrowhead and the Commissioner Key earned in another Council. Doctorate Degrees completed in another Council will also be honored.

Any requirement or reciprocity issues not addressed by this document may be resolved by contacting the Dean of the College of Commissioner Science, the Council Commissioner, or the Staff Advisor to Commissioner Service.