

# Gordon-Conwell Mentored Ministry Advanced Standing Policy

Hamilton Campus

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Qualifications: Minimum of seven years of paid, full-time (your only job) non-administrative professional ministry work prior to matriculation.

- This petition must be submitted within the first semester on campus -

The value of field education during a student's seminary career is a vital part of their education and preparation for ministry. This is in keeping with the seminary's philosophy and commitment to the necessity of integrating practical experience with theological learning. Therefore, *Advanced Standing* will only be granted to students who have had significant, robust and long-term professional ministry positions prior to matriculation.

Please note that, when petitioning, you will need to contact your appropriate previous supervisor to verify the full-time nature of your ministry and to sign the *Mentored Ministry Advanced Standing Petition*. Qualifying experience(s) would focus on face-to-face, more traditionally-defined ministry and exclude primarily-administrative roles.

When you have completed the petition, please submit it to the Mentored Ministry office at your earliest convenience (Academic Center, Room 233 or GCTS Box 241). Please let us know if your supervisor is in a restricted country and if the wording on the petition should be adjusted to protect them and the nature of their ministry work. Also, please alert the office if you are under any deadline.

Dr. Horvath and/or Dr. Singleton will review all *Advanced Standing Petitions*. Approved petitions will be communicated to the Registration office, with a copy of the approval sent to you by e-mail.

Special Note: It is the full expectation of the seminary that all students who are granted advanced standing in Mentored Ministry will still commit to meaningful involvement in the life of a local church during their entire time as students at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. You will be asked to verify this.

## ADVANCED STANDING PETITION

Please note that a separate petition must be completed for each full-time position.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name

Student ID

Degree Program

Local Street Address

Telephone

GCTS Box #

E-mail

Your Position

Average Hours/Week

Time Frame (Month and Year)

This was my only paying job during this time frame:

Yes

No

Please attach a description of your ministry and responsibilities on a separate sheet. (See page 3.)

I am currently attending and am involved in the following local church (for matriculated students):

### PREVIOUS MINISTRY INFORMATION

Name of Church/Ministry

Church/Ministry Street Address

Church/Ministry City, State, Zip, (Country)

Church/Ministry Website

Name of Supervisor

Supervisor Title

Supervisor E-Mail

Supervisor Telephone

### AFFIRMATION

Student Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date

MM Director Signature

Date

### OFFICE USE

- Approved       Not Approved  
 Memo to Reg. (cc. student)  
 Student DB       Advanced Standing File

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