

Path to ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament

Student senses a call to ordained ministry

Student applies to come under 'Care of Classis' via their consistory by filling out Form I and II

Classis is responsible for care and assessment of spiritual and moral comptancies needed to lead a ministry in THIS classis

Classis submit Fitness of Ministry form to seminary/MFCA (24 month waiting period)

Seminary/MFCA responsible for assessment of intellectual and professional capacity to lead in ministry

Emerging Leaders Team interviews student, student is introduced to classis, student officially accepted under care of classis

Initial Assessment:
Biblical Intro Exam

* Student can enroll in seminary and come under care independently, but doing them concurrently is strongly encouraged

Psychological testing by Seminary/MFCA

Mid Program Review by seminary/MFCA

Middler Assessments:

Committee Exams:
- Middler Theology
- Sacraments
- Personal Piety & Ministerial Duties

Transcript Exams:
- Church History
- Greek/Hebrew
- Preaching

Faculty vote on Certificate of Fitness

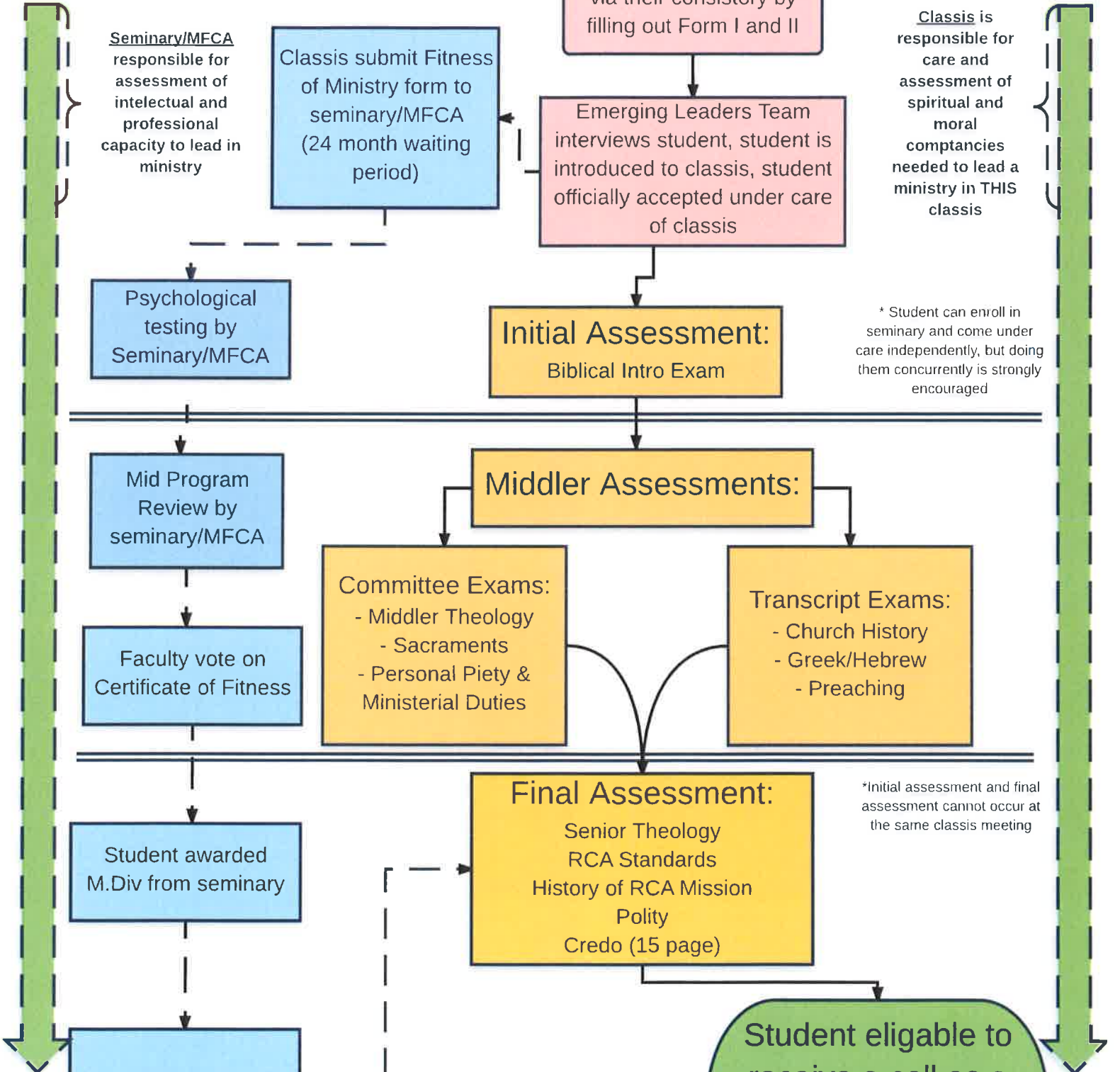
Final Assessment:
Senior Theology
RCA Standards
History of RCA Mission
Polity
Credo (15 page)

*Initial assessment and final assessment cannot occur at the same classis meeting

Student awarded M.Div from seminary

Student issued a certificate of Fitness by seminary or MFCA

Student eligible to receive a call as a minister of word and sacrament!



STUDENTS UNDER CARE EXAM SCHEDULE

Introductory:

Bible Introduction			Full Classis
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Middler:

Middler Theology		Committee	
Sacraments		Committee	
Church History	Transcript		
Greek/Hebrew	Transcript		
Preaching	Transcript		
Personal Piety/Ministerial Duties		Committee	

Senior:

Senior Theology			Full Classis
RCA Standards			Full Classis
History of RCA Missions		Committee (written)	
Church Government (Polity)		Committee (written)	