FROM THE ACNA CONSTITUTIONS AND CANONS, pg. 22

Section 1 - Concerning Ordination Following Period of Diaconate No person shall be ordained a Presbyter in this Church until that person shall have been ordained a Deacon. Section 2 - Concerning Prerequisites for Ordination No person shall be ordained a Presbyter in this Church until that person shall have passed a satisfactory examination conducted by those appointed by the Bishop for this purpose, and shall have demonstrated sufficient knowledge of Holy Scripture and the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of this Church by examination in the following subjects, and any other qualities that the Bishop deems necessary for the office of Presbyter:

1. Holy Scripture: The Bible, its contents and historical background and interpretive methods;

2. Church History;

3. Anglican Church History;

4. Doctrine: The Church's teaching set forth in the Creeds and the Offices of Instruction;

5. Liturgics: The contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer, and knowledge of the proper use of church music;

6. Moral Theology and Ethics;

7. Ascetical Theology: With an emphasis on the prayer life and spirituality of the minister, including the use of the Daily Office;

8. Practical Theology: The office and work of a Presbyter; the conduct of public worship; principles of sermon composition and delivery; principles and methods of Christian education in the parish; Constitution and Canons of this Church and the Diocese to which the candidate belongs; and the use of the voice in reading and speaking;

9. The Missionary Work of the Church: How the Gospel has been passed from one language, tribe and nation to another; basic principles of cross-cultural communication; mission strategies; and personal relational evangelism and apologetics.

With our revised curriculum, every Anglican student enrolled in the MDiv program at Trinity Anglican Seminary will, in order to graduate, produce a digital portfolio comprised of artifacts demonstrating proficiency in all nine ACNA standards. **This serves as an example of the way that an Anglican seminary can align its programs and curriculum with the ACNA's standards.

TSM MDIV LEARNING GOALS AND OUTCOMES

In the Fall of 2023, the faculty of Trinity Anglican Seminary revised its learning goals to more explicitly align with the nine standards outlined in the ACNA's Constitution and Canons. This document clarifies those learning goals, which then became the basis for a curriculum revision. That revision was completed in December 2023.

Formation at Trinity Anglican Seminary

The ultimate purpose of a Trinity education is the formation of Christian leaders in the Anglican tradition for the sake of the Church and the world. This formation requires guided disciplines of study and prayer that will equip ministers to fulfill their vocations. It embraces immersion in the Word of God for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for the transformation of lives. Formation of a minister's mind, will, affections, and habits synthesizes theological, spiritual, pastoral, apologetic, liturgical and missional training, not merely for the good of the minister, but for the benefit of those entrusted to his or her care.

With this kind of formation in mind, the following educational goals will shape and guide all of our Master's level programs. Notably, these goals guide our work in preparing students to acquire "sufficient knowledge of Holy Scripture and the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Anglican Church" in the following subjects, listed on pg. 22 of the ACNA's Constitution and Canons: Holy Scripture, Church History, Anglican Church History, Doctrine, Liturgics, Moral Theology & Ethics, Ascetical Theology, Practical Theology, and the Missionary Work of the Church.

Goal 1 - Biblical Formation: Trinity Graduates will be faithful interpreters and expositors of God's Word written. ***Specifically, students will demonstrate a developing proficiency in:***

1a. The contents of the Bible, including key persons, events, and themes (ACNA 1)
1b The historical, cultural, linguistic, and literary contexts that inform biblical interpretation (ACNA 1)
1c The unity of the Christian biblical canon and classical interpretive methods (ACNA 1)
1d The ethical mandates of scripture in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ (ACNA 6)

Goal 2 - Theological Formation: Trinity Graduates will be learned proponents of the apostolic faith, which has been transmitted through church history and received in the Anglican tradition. Students from other churches will be grounded in the same apostolic faith as received in their respective traditions. ***Specifically, students will demonstrate a developing proficiency in:***

2a General and Anglican Church History (ACNA 2 & 3)

2b The history and development of dogma, including the development of the biblical canon (ACNA 2)
2c The Church's teaching set forth in the Creeds and the Offices of Instruction (ACNA 4)
2d The Thirty-Nine Articles with a systematic overview of theology, including the doctrines of scripture, revelation, God, creation, humanity, sin, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, Salvation, Last Things, etc. (ACNA 4)
2e Moral Theology and Ethics (ACNA 6)

Goal 3: Spiritual Formation: Trinity Graduates will be faithful practitioners of the Anglican Way of Christian spirituality. ***Specifically, students will demonstrate a developing proficiency in:***

3a The church's teaching as set forth in the catechism (ACNA 4, 6, 7)
3b Habits and dispositions of personal devotion (ACNA 7)
3c The development and adoption of a rule of life (ACNA 7)
3d The prayer-life and spirituality of the minister, including use of the daily office (ACNA 7)
3e The contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer (ACNA 5)

Goal 4: Pastoral Formation: Trinity Graduates will be faithful minister's of Christ's church with clarity regarding God's call to ministry who are well equipped to lead others in prayer, worship, teaching, and service (Pastoral Formation). ***Specifically, students will demonstrate a developing proficiency in:***

3a The office and work of a Presbyter and the conduct of public worship (ACNA 8)
3b Principles of sermon composition and delivery (ACNA 8)
3c Principles and methods of Christian education in the parish (ACNA 8)
3d The proper use of church music (ACNA 5)
3e The use of the voice in reading and speaking (ACNA 8)
3f The Constitution and Canons of the ACNA (ACNA 8)

Goal 5: Missional Formation: Trinity Graduates will be skilled interpreters of culture who can translate and effectively communicate the gospel within diverse communities. ***Specifically, students will demonstrate a developing proficiency in:***

4a The transmission of the gospel from one language, tribe and nation to another (ACNA 9)
4b Basic principles of cross-cultural communication (ACNA 9)
4c Mission strategies (ACNA 9)
4d Personal relational evangelism and apologetics (ACNA 9)