

CHEATSHEET FOR BECOMING A CANDIDATE AND INTERN

READ BCO CHAPTERS 18 AND 19

1. After holding membership at a PCA church for at least six months, receive the endorsement of your local Session and have that endorsement communicated appropriately to presbytery (BCO 18-2).
2. Come “under care” of your Presbytery.
 - A. To come under care you must contact the *clerk of Presbytery* and the Chairman of the Candidates committee at least one month before the meeting of the Presbytery (BCO 18-2).
 - B. Meet with Candidates Committee in person before Presbytery meeting.
 - C. Be examined in person at the Presbytery meeting in which you come under care (BCO 18-3).
3. Submit an Internship Application (and Application of Internship Cooperative Agreement, if appropriate) to the Chairman of the MO Presbytery Candidates Committee at least six weeks before the Presbytery meeting to be approved as an Intern (BCO 19-11).
4. Be approved as an Intern.

****Note:** Steps 2 & 4 may take place during the same Presbytery meeting (BCO 19-8).

How to complete your Internship:

1. Submit Quarterly reports (updated Internship Checklist and Intern Report Form) to report your progress before each Presbytery meeting to the committee chair (BCO 18-6, 19-12). You must complete an internship lasting at least one year (BCO 19-7).
2. Complete all the required activities on the internship checklist over a period of at least a year.
3. Email or mail the committee Chair your completed checklist signed by your mentor at least a month before the presbytery meeting at which you wish to have your internship approved.

Notes:

1. Previous experience may count toward the completion of the checklist, but only with the *explicit permission of the committee Chair*. Generally, checklist requirements completed after the start of Seminary will count.
2. Without the completion of a presbytery supervised internship, you may not be ordained in the PCA.
3. Generally presbyteries have a reciprocal agreement concerning internships.
4. A presbytery may, for sufficient reasons, remove the candidate from the rolls of presbytery. A candidate may also withdraw his candidacy at his request (BCO 18-7).