



## *Western Massachusetts Council, B. S. A.*

### *College of Commissioner Science*

#### *Degree Requirements, Certificates, and Reciprocity Statement*

***Certificate of Attendance*** Recognition for attendance of Non-Commissioner Guests or others not meeting degree requirements

#### ***Bachelor Degree***

**Prerequisites:** Current registration as a Commissioner  
Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate  
Completion of “Commissioner Basic Training”

**Course Requirements:** Completion of seven courses of instruction, at least five of the courses at the Bachelor's program level.

#### ***Roundtable Bachelor Degree (WMC - 2 Year Commitment)***

**Prerequisites:** Current registration as a Commissioner  
Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate  
Completion of “Roundtable Commissioner Basic Training”

**Course Requirements:** Completion of seven courses of instruction, at least five of the courses at the RT Bachelor's program level.

#### ***Master Degree***

**Prerequisites:** Current registration as a Commissioner  
Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate  
Earned Arrowhead Honor.  
Completion of Bachelor's Degree or have been awarded the Commissioner's Key

**Course Requirements:** Completion of seven additional courses of instruction (total of 14), at least seven of the courses at the Master's level.

#### ***Roundtable Master Degree (WMC - 2 Year Commitment)***

**Prerequisites:** Current registration as a Commissioner  
Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate  
Completion of “Roundtable Commissioner Basic Training”  
Completion of Bachelor's Degree or have been awarded the Commissioner's Key

**Course Requirements:** Completion of seven courses of instruction, at least five of the courses at the RT Bachelor's program level.



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#### *Doctoral Candidate Certificate*

**Prerequisites:** Current registration as a Commissioner  
Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate  
Completion of Master's Degree

**Course Requirements:** In the process of completing additional courses of instruction at the Doctor's or Continuing Education program level.

#### *Doctoral Degree*

**Note:** Earning the Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree does not automatically qualify you to receive the Doctorate of Commissioner Service Knot Award.

**Prerequisites:** Current registration as a Commissioner  
Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate  
Completion of Master's Degree  
Have been awarded the Commissioner's Key

**Course Requirements:** Completion of 10 additional courses of instruction (total of 24), at least five of the courses at the Doctor's or Continuing Education program level. Courses may not have previously been counted toward other college degrees.

**Thesis or Project:** This can be on any topic related to Commissioner Service.

The topic must be pre-approved by the College of Commissioner Science Committee.

Complete the thesis/project using the approved format as determined by the college.

Completion of a Thesis or Research Project on any topic of value to Scouting or the Western Massachusetts Council.

The topic and final paper must be approved by the Doctoral Review Committee.

All segments ( Proposal, Proposal Acceptance, Thesis/Project Completion, Thesis Acceptance ) of the degree must be approved by the Western Massachusetts Council College of Commissioner Science

#### **Commissioner Performance:**

Serve for at least one year on the College of Commissioner Science Staff (instructor or support staff), or work with training support for Commissioners for at least one year.



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##### *Doctor of Commissioner Science Knot Award*



**NOTE:** The completion of the Doctor Degree of Commissioner Science does not automatically qualify a Commissioner for this award knot. All requirements below for the knot must be met. There are only two additional unique requirements to earn this award: **Tenure and Recruiting.**

##### **Prerequisites:**

- Current registration as a Commissioner
- Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
- Completion of Doctoral Degree

##### **Tenure:**

Serve as a Commissioner for a minimum of 5 years. (Years need not be consecutive)

This service can be in one or more roles or positions Commissioner of service

**Recruiting:** Recruit or assist in recruiting at least three new Commissioners during tenure as a Commissioner.

##### **Final Approval:**

Approval of Council or assigned Assistant Council Commissioner

##### *Continuing Education Certificate*

##### **Prerequisites:**

- Current registration as a Commissioner
- Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
- Completion of Doctoral Degree

##### **Course Requirements:**

Completion of additional course work at all levels of training



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### *Statement of Course Work Reciprocity:*

The Western Massachusetts Council College of Commissioner Science accepts a Commissioner's course work from any Boy Scouts of America College of Commissioner Science provided that an official transcript is made available.

The Western Massachusetts Council College of Commissioner Science will credit courses from another Council to be applied towards a Western Massachusetts Council College of Commissioner Science Degree if prior approval has been obtained from the current Western Massachusetts Council Dean of the College of Commissioner Science.

Classes taken at a University of Scouting that are not listed in the B.S.A. National Curriculum (<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/commissioners/training.aspx>) will not be accepted for credit.

The college will also honor commissioner college courses taken at the Philmont Training Center. ( Please submit a transcript to the Western Massachusetts College of Commissioner Science Registrar. )

### *Degree Recognition:*

The Western Massachusetts Council College of Commissioner Science will continue to recognize degrees earned from other Boy Scouts of America College of Commissioner Science and Philmont Training Center College of Commissioner Science degrees provided that an official transcript is made available.

### *Award Recognition:*

The Western Massachusetts Council College of Commissioner Science will honor all Commissioner Arrowhead, Commissioner Key, Distinguished Commissioner, and the Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service, and the Doctor of Commissioner Science Awards.