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Policy #4 – Policy on Education Requirements

To be certified ready to receive a call by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, the candidate must satisfy these education requirements:

1. In compliance with G-2.0607 (Final Assessment and Negotiation for Service), the satisfactory completion of the following courses from a theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools:
 - a. Hebrew
 - b. Greek
 - c. Old Testament Exegesis
 - d. New Testament Exegesis
 - e. Reformed Theology
 - f. Presbyterian Polity
2. These courses may not be taken pass/fail; a letter grade is required.
3. For both Greek and Hebrew, the following is required:
 - a. A full course (not abbreviated or concise), ordinarily two semesters or a summer;
 - b. A course in which the student demonstrates proficiency in translating and interpreting biblical texts from the original language. This competency may be incorporated into a full course of language instruction, or an introductory or elective course that affords the student an opportunity to work in the original languages. Students may be asked to submit a paper to CPM in which they demonstrate such proficiency.
4. One unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at an ACPE-certified institution.

Students may be asked to submit a syllabus for these courses for review to determine whether the courses satisfy PC(USA) requirements.

Those who are Candidates as of January 1, 2012, are exempt from #2 and #3 above, unless the Committee on Preparation (CPM) decides to require a specific educational requirement.