



INVESTITURE REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete all requirements of this Master Guide curriculum and pass a *Portfolio review* conducted by your Conference/Mission.
2. The Master Guide program must be completed in a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years. This time limit does not apply to honors previously earned, to candidates who require specific physical or medical accommodation.

NOTES

1. **Conference/Mission:** refers to the Youth Director or their designated representative.
2. **Mentor:** Any Master Guide or leader authorized by your Conference/Mission to guide you through the completion of Master Guide requirements; should be accessible for assistance and questions.
3. **Portfolio:** collection of physical or digital evidence showing the completion of all requirements, documented in the order of the card.
4. **Workshop:** meeting to receive training and discuss a particular topic; should be 60-90 minutes in length. Instructors must be Conference/Mission approved.
5. **Master Guide Curriculum Manual:** provides resources for candidates, mentors, and workshop instructors, and should be consulted for more information.
6. **Physical/Medical Accommodation:** a mentor may adjust requirements with the approval of the Conference/Mission.
7. **Academic Equivalency:** pastoral candidates can receive equivalency for requirements if they have completed:
 - a. BA Religion or
 - b. BA Theology or
 - c. MDIV - Masters in Divinity or
 - d. MPAM - Masters in Pastoral Ministry
8. The candidate completes the class with a composite grade of 70% or higher, or the grade approved by your Conference/Mission.
 - a. A copy of the syllabus and academic transcript is included in the Portfolio
 - b. Approval is determined by the mentor under guidelines of the Conference/Mission
9. **Master Guide Uniform:** includes scarf, slide, pin, and patches; reserved for invested Master Guides only. Follow Conference/Mission guidelines.
10. **Investiture Achievement and/or Adventurer levels completion** is not required as a prerequisite to start this curriculum, nor is it at the time of the Master Guide investiture.
11. **Investiture is under the Conference.** The Conference establishes protocol for the completion of Master Guide. There are variations in protocol. The candidate's mentor helps ensure the specific protocol of a conference is properly completed. The Conference/Mission reserves the right to withhold recognition of a Master Guide if they work independently of their Conference. Club Ministry is a church community intended to serve together.

3. For at least one year, be involved with an Adventurer/Pathfinder Club, Children/Youth Sabbath School or Youth Ministries by:

- a. Attending at least one staff meeting for planning the club yearly calendar. Help to present the calendar to the local church board for approval.
- b. Overseeing the teaching of fundamental beliefs requirements within the Adventurer Levels. Investiture Achievement Curriculum or Sabbath School for these age groups.
- c. Attending a conference-sponsored Camporee, or one Youth Ministries Convention, or its equivalent. Ask the Club Director how you can best serve during those days.

Provide evidence of your involvement in your portfolio.

II. LIFESTYLE DEVELOPMENT (STATURE)

1. Choose **one** of the following and record your progress:

- a. Have, earn or teach the Physical Fitness honor.
- b. Have, earn or teach the Sportsman Master award.
- c. Complete the physical fitness section of the AY Silver Award or Gold Award.
- d. Complete a three-month physical fitness program recommended by your doctor.

2. Have, earn or teach **each** of the following honors:

- a. Basic Water Safety
- b. Camp Safety
- c. Basic Rescue

3. Hold a current Red Cross First Aid & CPR certificate or its equivalent.

III. SPIRITUAL GROWTH (FAVOR WITH GOD)

1. Choose **one** of the following and complete two share sections.

- a. Reread or listen to the book *Steps to Christ* by Ellen G. White.
- b. Reread or listen to the *Encounter Series IV: Christ Our Hope*.
- c. Read or listen to a book provided by your conference for continued education.

2. Develop and present one sermon for Adventurer age children, one sermon for Pathfinder age children, and one sermon for Young Adults. Include your presentations in your portfolio.

IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (FAVOR WITH MAN)

1. Participate in organizing three social/fellowship events with your local church.

2. Choose one of the following and involve your club or youth group:

- a. Meet with your local church ACS/ADRA Coordinator, another non-profit or other organization or a local government agency and participate in a community service project.
- b. Over a period of three months minimum work in an outreach initiative with your local ACS coordinator.
- c. Complete the Disaster Response Training through Adventist Learning Community or any other disaster training provided through ACS/ADRA and/or your local government.



Adventist Learning Community
The ALC is a Seventh-day Adventist organization
providing quality education and training
opportunities through various programs and courses.

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And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52, NIV

PREREQUISITES:

1. Be a credentialed pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. Complete a background check and child protection course, and be approved by your Conference/Mission.
3. With the local Conference Youth Director or his/her designee, prayerfully discuss how a pastor can support the local club ministry. Include a written one-page report or 5-minute video in your Portfolio.
4. Have completed the Basic Staff Certification for Adventurers or Pathfinders or the Certification of Introduction to Youth Ministries.

I. LEADERSHIP IDENTITY & GROWTH (WISDOM)

1. Complete each of the following leadership training workshops:
 - a. Vision. Mission. Motivation.
 - b. Christian Leadership **
 - c. Discipline & Discipleship **
 - d. Child & Youth Evangelism
 - e. Creating Effective Worship
 - f. Communication: Theory & Practice **
 - g. Education: Theory & Practice
 - h. Resources for Creative Instruction
2. Reread or listen to the book *Education* by Ellen White. Write a one-page reflection or complete two Share Sections on what you have learned and how you can apply it in your ministry.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Armando Miranda (Chairperson)
2. Glorimar Teixeira (Co-Chair)
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4. Cheryl Logan
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INTRODUCTION

This Master Guide Curriculum is intended to provide Pastors and Lay Pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the tools required to support Club Ministries.

With respect for the unique role and academic accomplishments of Pastors and Lay Pastors, the requirements of this curriculum have been adapted from the original Master Guide Curriculum.

ORIENTATION

* AYMT Basic Staff Training workshops are provided by the local Conference Youth Department and available through Adventist Learning Community. www.adventistlearningcommunity.com

** Requirement covered by BA Religion, BA Theology, MAPM and MDIV programs or equivalent.

AUDIENCE/PARTICIPANTS:

The certification is intended for Pastors and Lay Pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

ACADEMIC EQUIVALENCY:

Official academic classes not included above may fulfill some requirements of this curriculum under the following conditions:

- a. The academic class covers all parts of the one requirement being fulfilled within the Master Guide curriculum.
- b. The candidate completes the class with a composite grade of 70% or higher, or the grade approved by your Conference/Mission.
- c. A copy of the academic transcript or first page of course syllabus is included in the Portfolio.
- d. Approval is determined by the mentor under guidelines of the Conference/Mission.

SHARE SECTION

Share what you are learning! Include evidence (picture, written summary, link, etc.) in your Portfolio.

- Write three inspirational cards and give them to a friend that does not attend church.
- Post three of your favorite quotes (with brief commentary) on social media or a personal blog.
- Record a video or podcast summarizing three ideas you learned and post it online.
- Discuss with a group three concepts you can apply to evangelism.
- Present a devotional to your club or youth group.
- Share in another creative way approved by your Conference/Mission.

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