



COMMISSIONER COLLEGE

Degree Requirements

Any interested adult may attend any Commissioners' College course (no prerequisites). However, only registered commissioners may attain the Commissioner Degrees listed below and there are prerequisites for working on a degree program within Commissioners' College. Any adult leader who is not a registered commissioner may use the Commissioners' College courses towards Tidewater Council University of Scouting degrees (they will not count for both).

This document outlines the prerequisites for working on the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree (BCS)
- Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS)
- Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree (DCS)
- Certificate of Achievement for Post Graduate Studies (CED) (No courses will be offered this year)

NOTE: The Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree (DCS) degree program is designed for graduates of either the Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS) program or the Masters of Roundtable Sciences Degree (MRCS) program.

Degree Reciprocity

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

Classes taken at the University of Scouting that are not listed in the B.S.A. National Curriculum will not be accepted for credit.

Degree Recognition

The College of Commissioner Science will continue to recognize degrees earned from another 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 College of Commissioner Science will honor all Commissioner Arrowhead, Commissioner Key, Distinguished Commissioner, the Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service, and the Doctor of Commissioner Science Awards.





Bachelor's Degree in Commissioner Science (BCS)



Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree (BCS) Prerequisites:

- Current registration as a commissioner, roundtable staff, or executive, including those recently recruited.
- Current BSA adult registration.
- Current BSA Youth Protection Certificate
- Have an interest in commissioner service.

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

Performance

- Approval of the supervising commissioner
- Approval of the supervising executive

Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS)



Master of Commissioner Science Degree (MCS) Prerequisites:

- Current registration as a commissioner, roundtable staff, or executive.
- Current BSA Youth Protection Certificate
- Completion of the bachelor's degree or have been awarded the Commissioners Key, Training Award: Roundtable Staff or Professional Training Award.
- Earned Arrowhead Honor (commissioner's only)

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

Performance:

- Approval of the supervising commissioner.
- Approval of the supervising executive.

Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree (DCS)



A doctorate is an academic degree that represents the highest level of formal study or research in a given field. Thus, we expect the DCS candidate to select a project or thesis topic that requires the candidate to draw upon the skills, experience, and knowledge that one would acquire during the 5 years of study that it takes to achieve the doctorate level. We also expect the DCS work to benefit to our council and Scouting, as well as be relevant to commissioner service. The DCS program takes 2 to 3 years to complete.

Prerequisites:

- Current registration as a commissioner, roundtable staff or executive.





- Current BSA Youth Protection Certificate
- Completion of the Master's degree
- Have been awarded the Commissioner's Key, training Award: Roundtable Staff, or Professional Training Award.
- Course Requirements: Completion of at 10 additional courses of instruction (total of 24), at least five of the courses at the doctor's program level.

Performance

- Serve on the College of Commissioner Science faculty (instructor or support staff) for at least one year.

NOTE: The DCS program is a 2 to 3-year program. During the first year of the DCS program, a candidate attends courses on how to select, develop and document one of the following: a thesis topic, a research project, or a work project. If the candidate opts for a thesis topic or a research project, then the topic can be about anything of value to Scouting in the local council, but the Dean of the DCS program and your assigned faculty adviser must approve the topic and final paper. If the candidate opts for a work project, the Council Commissioner and the Commissioner Service Staff Advisor must approve it. Each of these DCS options has a complete set of requirements and guidelines, which are handed out during the first year DCS program courses.

Doctor of Commissioner Science Knot Award



The completion of the Doctor Degree of Commissioner Science does not automatically qualify a commissioner for the award knot. All requirements below must be fulfilled to earn the award knot.

Prerequisites:

- Current registration as a commissioner, roundtable staff or executive.
- Current BSA Youth Protection Certificate
- Completion of the Doctoral Degree

Performance

- 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 of commissioner service.
- Recruiting: Recruit or assist in the recruiting of at least three new commissioners or roundtable staff during tenure as a commissioner.
- Approval of the supervising commissioner.
- Approval of the supervising executive.

