



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility: Degree recipients must meet the following conditions in addition to degree requirements:

1. Must be a registered youth or youth participant in Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, or Explorers,
2. Must be registered for the Tidewater University of Scouting.

Note: YTH Courses are Youth Leadership Academy courses.

Associate Degree



Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting for the first time.

Earn 7 credit hours by attending or teaching classes, onsite roundtables, or other learning opportunities. 1 credit, at minimum, must be a YTH-100 level.

Sign the attendance roster for each class.

Bachelor's Degree



Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a second time.

Previously earned a University of Scouting Associates Degree.

Earn additional 7 credits hours by attending or teaching classes, onsite roundtables, or other learning opportunities. 2 credits, at minimum, must be YTH-100 or YTH-200 levels.

Sign the attendance roster for class.

Master's Degree



Since earning your Bachelor's, attend a youth leadership training course **and** serve in a unit leadership position (see approved courses and positions below).

Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a third time.

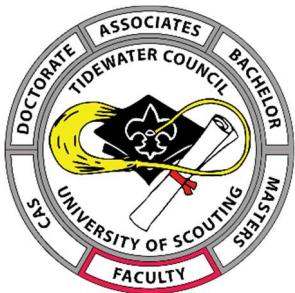
Previously earned a University of Scouting Bachelor's Degree.

Earn additional 7 credit hours by attending or teaching classes, onsite roundtables, or other learning opportunities. 2 credits, at minimum, must be YTH-200 level.

Sign the attendance roster for each class.



Faculty



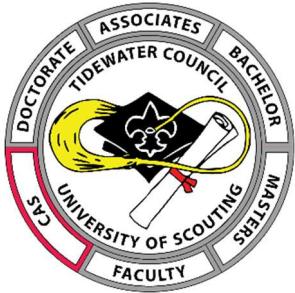
Prior to attending University of Scouting, complete BSA's Trainers Edge at any Trainers Edge offering. Training must be current on the day of the University.

Teach at least 3 YTH courses at the Tidewater University of Scouting.

Can be earned during any year or over a span of years

Can be earned multiple times and in conjunction with a degree.

Certificate in Advanced Studies



Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a fourth time.

Previously earned a University of Scouting Master's Degree.

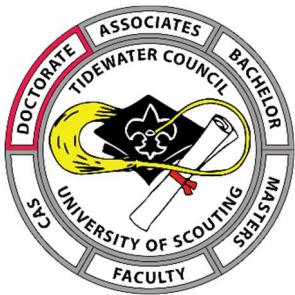
Earn additional 7 credit hours by attending or teaching classes, onsite roundtables, or other learning opportunities. 3 credits, at minimum, must be YTH-300 level.

Sign the attendance roster for each class.

Note: The CAS is not awarded the same year as the Doctorate degree.



Doctorate Degree



- Attend the Tidewater University of Scouting a fifth time (or more).
- Previously earned a University of Scouting Certificate in Advanced Studies.
- Completion of the Youth Doctorate Course.
- Since earning your Master's, serve in a youth leadership position (see approved positions below).
- Staff **and** train at a youth leadership course (see approved courses below).
- Teach at least 1 YTH course at the University.
- Complete the Youth Doctorate application and submit it to the Youth Academy Provost.

Unit Leadership Positions: Unit leadership positions that fulfill the requirement for the Master's and Doctorate Degrees are listed below. Please note there is a separate list of positions that fulfill only the Doctorate requirement.

Master's and Doctorate

Scouting America: Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, OA Representative, Den Chief, Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, Bugler, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Webmaster, Outdoor Ethics Guide

Venturing: President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Program, Secretary, Treasurer, Guide, Quartermaster, Chaplain Aide, Outdoor Ethics Guide.

Sea Scouts: Boatswain, Boatswain's Mate, Purser, Yeoman, Storekeeper, Crew Leader, Media Specialist, Specialist, Den Chief, Chaplain Aide.

Doctorate Only

OA Lodge Chairman, OA Chapter Chairman, OA Chapter Chief

Youth Leadership Courses: Youth leadership courses that fulfill the requirements for the Master's and Doctorate Degrees are listed below. Please note there is a separate list of courses that fulfill only the Doctorate requirement.

Master's and Doctorate: National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE), Lodge Leadership Development (LLD, must attend or teach 3 trainings), National Leadership Seminar (NLS), or a school-sponsored leadership workshop.

Doctorate Only: Pipsico Summer Camp Staff (must serve as a CIT or Counselor in one of the following program areas: Aquatics, Climbing, Handicraft, Heritage, Huskanaw, Medical, Nature, Scoutcraft, Shooting Sports, or the Trading Post).

Note: For 2026, Scouts who have previously taught a minimum of 5 credits at Tidewater University of Scouting, may begin working on their Doctorate.