

## **DEGREES AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Associate's Degree (Includes Commissioner Basic Training)**

Commissioners who have not completed Basic Training begin here. This program combines basic training and courses chosen to help develop the Scouter's commissioner skills. Those completing this program receive an Associates Degree.

### **Continuing Education (CED)**

The CED program continues the commissioner's educational experience and serves those who simply wish to take additional elective courses. A Certificate of Continuing Education is presented to Scouters who participate in the Plenary Session and complete six courses.

### **District Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner Training**

This is an all-day training program for DCs and ADCs. New DCs and ADCs are especially encouraged to enroll. This program is open to any administrative commissioner.

### **Bachelors of Commissioner Service (BCS)**

This is the *entry-level* degree program for commissioners.

Prerequisites:

- a. Current Registration as a Commissioner
- b. Completion of Commissioner Basic Training

Degree Requirements:

- a. Complete six *prescribed* courses, five of which will have the BCS prefix
- b. Attend the Plenary Session

### **Masters of Commissioner Service (MCS)**

The MCS program offers advanced problem-solving and administrative skill instruction.

Prerequisites:

- a. Current Registration as a Commissioner
- b. Completion of the BCS degree

Degree Requirements:

- a. Complete six courses that have the MCS prefix
- b. Attend the Plenary Session
- c. Earn the Arrowhead Award

## **Doctorate of Commissioner Service (DCS)**

The DCS is a two-year program. In addition to attending workshops, degree candidates identify, complete and present an approved thesis (a written report of approximately 20 pages based upon an original project or research study) that addresses issues of relevance to commissioners.

Prerequisites - Year 1:

- a. Current Registration as a Commissioner
- b. Completion of the MCS or the MRS degree

Requirements - Year 1:

- a. Complete the prescribed Doctoral Thesis Planning Workshops
- b. Attend the Thesis/Project Presentation Workshop
- c. Attend the Plenary Session

Prerequisites - Year 2:

- a. Current Registration as a Commissioner
- b. Completion of DCS Year 1 Program
- c. Acceptance of Thesis Proposal by Doctoral Committee

Requirements - Year 2:

- a. Completion and Acceptance of the Thesis
- b. Present the Thesis
- c. Observe other Thesis Presentations
- d. Attend the Plenary Session
- e. For at least one year (I) serve as a College of Commissioner Service instructor or staff member, **OR** (ii) work with commissioner training support

Additional Degree Requirements:

- a. Complete additional courses for a total of 24
- b. Earn the Commissioners Key

## **Bachelors of Roundtable Service (BRS)**

This program is for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA and Roundtable Commissioners.

Prerequisites: Current Registration as a Commissioner

Degree Requirements:

- a. Complete one of the following two programs (i) Cub Scouts Roundtable, or (ii) Scouts BSA Roundtable
- b. Attend the Plenary Session

## **Masters of Roundtable Service (MRS)**

The MRS program involves advanced practices designed to further assist the Roundtable Commissioner in fulfilling his/her role.

Prerequisites:

- a. Current Registration as a Commissioner
- b. Completion of the Bachelors of Roundtable Service (BRS) degree

Degree Requirements:

- a. Complete the roundtable masters workshop, MRS 450
- b. Attend the Plenary Session

## **Doctorate of Roundtable Service**

These requirements are the same as those for the DCS except the thesis has a Roundtable emphasis.

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