

**Policy on Entrance Qualifications for the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Program in
Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK)**

To enroll in the CRE Program, one must have been an active member of a PC(USA) congregation for a minimum of 6 months.

To be eligible to participate in the PNK Cluster Program, one must have the approval of the Authorized Lay Ministry Committee. Christian Educators and CREs and those persons listed as Available to Serve along with Authorized Pulpit Supplies are encouraged to participate in the Cluster Program for continuing education. All homework is expected to be completed by all Cluster Program participants.

To enroll in Field Education, one must have been ordained as an elder in the PC(USA).

Special Exception: Any non-Presbyterian Minister serving a PNK congregation is eligible to take part in the Dubuque CRE Training Courses and the Cluster Program at the request of the Committee on Ministry or the Committee on the Preparation for Ministry.