

College of Commissioner Science Degree Requirements

The College will be presenting 5 different Degrees / Certificates to participants who complete the specified requirements.

The degrees / certificates along with their prerequisites and requirements are on pages 2 and 3 of this document and the Application / Record Cards for each are on pages 4-7.

For degrees to be awarded at the event, all paperwork for the degree **MUST** be submitted to the appropriate Dean at least 2 weeks prior to the event, to allow for verification of the information. Degree applications submitted after March 15, or on the day of the event will be reviewed by the staff with degrees and credit will be sent after the event.

You may include all courses that you anticipate completing at this college on your degree applications, but attendance is subject to verification on the day of the event.

Completed record cards with the required signatures should be sent by email to the appropriate Dean of the area that you are applying for credit:

- Bachelor Program (and Associate Degree) – Brian Anders – brian.anders@heartofnewenglandbsa.org
- Master's Program – Alan Wolfson – alan.wolfson@gamil.com
- Doctorate Program - Brian Snow – pmlsnow@hotmail.com
- Post Graduate Studies Program – Warren Riccitelli – wriccitelli@gmail.com

Prerequisites and Requirements

The College of Commissioner Science offers the following certificates and degrees:

Associate Degree of Commissioner Science

Prerequisites:

- Registered as a Commissioner
- Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
- Completed Commissioner Orientation

Requirements:

- Completion of five Bachelor level courses and any other course in the catalog Or Unit Commissioner Basic and any three Bachelor level courses:
- Have performance approved by the District Commissioner.

Bachelor of Commissioner Science

Prerequisites:

- Registered as a Commissioner
- Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
- Completed Commissioner Onboarding
- Completed Commissioner Basic Training

Requirements:

- Completion of any seven courses, five must be at the Bachelor's program level.
- Have performance approved by the District Commissioner.

Master of Commissioner Science

Prerequisites:

- Registered as a Commissioner
- Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
- Earned Bachelor of Commissioner Science Degree
- Earned the Arrowhead Honor Award

Requirements:

- Completion of seven courses in addition to the seven earned for the Bachelor's Degree
- At least seven courses must be from the Master's program level
- Have performance approved by the District Commissioner.

Doctor of Commissioner Science

Prerequisites:

- Registered as a Commissioner
- Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
- Earned Master of Commissioner Science Degree
- Earned the Commissioner's Key
- After attaining a Master's Degree, served as a Staff member or course instructor at a Commissioner Conference or College.
- Recruit at least three new commissioners (Requirement for Square Knot only)
- Serve as a Commissioner for a minimum of 5 years. (Years need not be consecutive.) (Requirement for Square Knot only)

Requirements:

- Completion of ten courses in addition to the fourteen earned for the Master's Degree. At least five courses must be from the Doctor's program level.
- Complete a thesis or project on any topic of value to Scouting in the local Council.
The topic must be first approved by the Council Commissioner. The thesis or project must be approved by the thesis advisor.
- Have performance approved by the Council Commissioner & Scout Executive or staff adviser for commissioner service.

Certificate of Achievement for Postgraduate Studies

Prerequisites:

- Registered as a Commissioner
- Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
- Completion of the Master's Degree

Requirements:

- Completion of any seven additional courses of instruction from the college catalog not used to qualify for any other college awards.
- Have performance approved by the District Commissioner.

College of Commissioner Science Personal Progress Record **Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate of Commissioner Service**



Associate/Bachelor of Commissioner Science

Name: _____

Council: _____ **District:** _____

Prerequisites:

1. Current registration as a Commissioner.
2. Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
3. Commissioner Basic Training Date: _____

Course Requirements: Bachelor's: Complete a minimum of seven (7) courses of instruction. Five (5) of which must be at the Bachelor Course level.
Associate Degree: completion of 5 Bachelor level courses and any other course in the catalog OR Unit Commissioner Basic and any 3 Bachelor level courses

1 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

2 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

3 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

4 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

5 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

6 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

7 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

Performance: Approval of Council, Assistant Council, District Commissioner or College Dean.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Award: Certificate #610624 or equivalent.



Master of Commissioner Science

Name: _____

Council: _____ **District:** _____

Prerequisites:

1. Current registration as a Commissioner.
2. Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
3. Completion of bachelor's degree.
4. Earn Arrowhead Honor. **Date:** _____

Course Requirements: Completion of seven (7) additional courses of instruction (total of 14), at least seven of the courses at the Master's program level.

1 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

2 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

3 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

4 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

5 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

6 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

7 _____ **Date:** _____ **College:** _____

Performance: Approval of Council, Assistant Council, District Commissioner or College Dean.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Award: Certificate #610623 or equivalent.



Doctor of Commissioner Science (DCS)

Name: _____

Council: _____ District: _____

Prerequisites:

1. Current registration as a Commissioner
2. Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
3. Completion of Master's Degree **Date:** _____
3. Earn the Commissioner's Key. **Date:** _____

Course Requirements: Complete a minimum of ten (10) courses five (5) of which must be at the Doctorate Course level and not used to qualify for other college awards (total of 24). Courses and dates completed:

1 _____	Date: _____	College: _____	6 _____	Date: _____	College: _____
2 _____	Date: _____	College: _____	7 _____	Date: _____	College: _____
3 _____	Date: _____	College: _____	8 _____	Date: _____	College: _____
4 _____	Date: _____	College: _____	9 _____	Date: _____	College: _____
5 _____	Date: _____	College: _____	10 _____	Date: _____	College: _____

Thesis or Project: It is recommended that the topic of a project or thesis be directly related to unit service. There may be specific circumstances under which a topic related to another area of Scouting would be appropriate. Local councils have the authority to approve topics related to another area of Scouting when selecting one directly related to unit service isn't appropriate or practical. The council commissioner or designee must authorize to approve any topic.

Performance: Serve on College of Commissioner Science staff, or be training support for commissioners for one year, and receive approval of home council commissioner or designee.

Approved Thesis/Project Title: _____

Approved by (Signature): _____ **Date:** _____

Approved by (Signature): _____ **Project / Thesis Completion Date:** _____

Award: Certificate #610622 or equivalent



Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot (*National Requirements*)

Name: _____

Council: _____ **District:** _____

Tenure: Serve as a Commissioner for a minimum of 5 years. (Years need not be consecutive.)

Dates: _____

Training: Completion Doctorate Degree including Project /Thesis. Date: _____

Recruiting: Recruit or assist in recruiting at least three new Commissioners

Names _____, _____, _____

Final Approval:

Council Commissioner or Assistant Council Commissioner signature:

_____ Date: _____

Scout Executive or Staff Adviser for Commissioner Service signature:

_____ Date: _____



Certificate of Achievement for Postgraduate Studies

Name: _____

Council: _____ District: _____

Prerequisites:

- Registered as a Commissioner
- Current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate
- Completion of the Master's Degree Date: _____ College _____

Requirements:

- Completion of any seven additional courses of instruction from the college catalog not used to qualify for any other college awards.

1 _____ Date: _____ College _____

2 _____ Date: _____ College _____

3 _____ Date: _____ College _____

4 _____ Date: _____ College _____

5 _____ Date: _____ College _____

6 _____ Date: _____ College _____

7 _____ Date: _____ College _____

Performance: Approval of Council Commissioner, Assistant Council Commissioner, District Commissioner or College Dean.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Award: Certificate or equivalent