

## **AGKSOM**

The AGK School of Ministry (AGKSOM) continued to make strong headway in its commitment to provide training for those called to ministry, whether as credentialed ministers of the Assemblies of God or as well-equipped local church volunteers.

One-hundred-seven different students enrolled for classes over the course of the year, with an average weekend participation of 38 students. These classes, led by ordained Assemblies of God ministers, enable AGKSOM students to meet the educational requirements for Assemblies of God credentials. Indeed, nearly 60% of the credentialing candidates being celebrated at this year's network council met some or all their educational requirements through AGKSOM.

AGKSOM boasts a wonderfully qualified faculty. Overall, 20 different instructors—representing 7 doctoral degrees, 13 master's degrees, and over 300 combined years of ministry experience—led 30 different AGKSOM weekend classes in 2022.

Beyond classroom sessions, AGKSOM also coordinates ministerial internships for students within their local congregations. These internships provide practical, hands-on ministry experience with a local pastor in a local church while encouraging the continuing personal spiritual development of the student. Thirteen students began new AGKSOM ministry internships in 2022. Eight students completed internships.

AGKSOM's educational model integrates spiritual formation, relational networking, academic achievement, and practical ministry application to provide a unique learning experience. Students continue to minister in and through their local church even while building relationships with classmates and Assemblies of God leaders from across Kansas and the Midwest. They build the character and skills essential for a lifetime of ministry, while meeting the academic requirements for ministerial credentials. Ultimately, AGKSOM remains one of the most strategic tools in the AGK network for strengthening and establishing Pentecostal churches and leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

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