



**Bucks County and Cradle of Liberty Councils College of
Commissioner Science
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2014 Course Descriptions**

Bachelor's Program Courses

BCS 101 Introduction to Commissioner Science An overview of Commissioner service and the most important resource – The Commissioner Fieldbook

BCS 102 Unit Charter Renewal Review a proven plan for registering Scouting units, on time, with minimal loss in membership and leaders. Learn the role of the commissioner to facilitate and achieve on-time charter renewal.

BCS 104 Unit Visitation Provides participants with insights on effective unit visits, what to look for and how to help – not be a hindrance.

BCS 105 Practical Solutions to Common Unit Needs Helps commissioners understand how to respond to unit needs, participants become familiar with Unit self-assessment worksheets and Commissioner Helps for Packs, Troops, and Crews.

BCS 106 A Commissioner's Priorities Suggests the priorities for unit commissioner's Scouting time and energy, reviews steps in handling unit problems, and of JTE and UVTS.

BSC 110 Commissioner Style Presents important qualities of Commissioner diplomacy, concepts of exceptional service, "roots and wings" and service recovery.

BCS 112 What Would You Do? A group participation/discussion session on 10 fascinating situations that commissioners might encounter.

BCS 114 Good Commissioners and Professional Relations This course examines the general qualities and practical tips for building a good relationship between volunteers and professionals.

BCS 119 Webelos to Scout Transition Covers important ways commissioners can help make the transition from a Cub Pack to a Boy Scout troop.

Master's Program Courses

MCS 301 No-Lapse/No-Drop

Commitment The group will explore why units lapse or drop and how to prevent it, how to develop a no-lapse/no-drop plan for a district, and why this is so important.

MCS 302 Unit and Council Finance

Provides an overview of the Unit Budget Plan, who pays for scouting, and how to help units with financial needs.

MCS 303/304 Unit Lifesaving I & II

This session sets the stage for saving a unit and reviews the basic unit lifesaving steps.

MCS 306 Counseling Skills This session presents counseling as an effective method for commissioners to help units succeed. It covers many elements of good counseling.

MCS 309 Good Commissioners Need Both Head and Hart

Helps commissioners with one or two years experience reflect on qualities of service (head) and provides inspirational anecdotes to share (heart).

MCS 312 Recruiting New

Commissioners This bread-and-butter session for all administrative commissioners covers the steps of recruiting commissioners, group recruiting techniques, and sources of prospects.

MCS 310 Becoming a Champion of Units

Session discusses ways to be in the forefront of promoting the unit . Helping unit leaders get excited about making the unit “work”

MCS 315 Effective Unit Service in Urban Areas

Session is for Commissioners where low income is a prevailing influence and where community considerations require flexibility for units to be successful.

MCS 317 How to Remove a Volunteer

An open discussion of a topic only recently put in print. This session provides a variety of practical guidelines on this sensitive topic.

MCS 321 New Unit Service

Covers the role of the New Unit Commissioner from working with the DE, District Membership Chair, and COR prior to the unit creation, to the specials needs a new unit has in its first three years.

RT 001/002/003 (3 period course)

Effective use of Roundtable. Learn how to perform Roundtable so that it becomes your regular monthly training event where District and Council information is shared.

Doctorate Program Courses

DCS 501 Selecting a Thesis/Research Project Topic This section introduces the participants to the thesis project. Discussion covers what constitutes a good thesis or research topic.

DCS 502 Limiting the Scope of the Topic Participants receive help in reducing the thesis topic to workable size and ideas for thesis/project research.

DCS 503 Developing the Thesis Outline and Writing the Report This session covers the thesis outline and a variety of suggestions for writing and revising the report.

DCS 504 Thesis Project For those that have already started their thesis but have stalled and feel they need more help on completing their thesis.

DCS 508 Administrative Lifesaving
Learn how to give leadership to the Commissioner Lifesaving Concept. Provides choices in selecting the lifesaving team approach.

DCS 520 Assessing District Health
Examples of the resources available and how to use them to assist in identifying the strengths, and bringing improvements in weaknesses found in the District.