

# **TRI-COUNCIL COLLEGE OF VENTURING**

**GREAT SOUTHWEST - YUCCA -  
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**COURSE CATALOG**

**2017**

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# **COLLEGE DESCRIPTION**

## **PURPOSE**

The College of Venturing program is designed to have a Scouter learn through a series of training classes, followed by work experiences, to ensure a quality program throughout Scouting. This training will take a number of years to complete. The adult Scouter finalizes his or her training with an approved thesis or project for the benefit of the Scouting program. This assists both new Scout leaders as they learn, and seasoned Scouters as they train others.

A well-trained adult leader better serves the Scouting program and...

**'Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader.'**

## **ORGANIZATION**

The Tri-Council University of Scouting is a standard four-year curriculum with leadership and skills training for adult unit leaders and unit committee staff. These courses cover focused topics and are intended as supplements to the comprehensive Wood Badge course completion.

The College offers four degree program levels:

1. Bachelor: First-year participants
2. Master: Second-year participants
3. Doctor: Third and fourth-year participants.  
(The third-year is candidate for a doctor degree program)
4. Continuing Education: Additional elective classes are available during and following completion of the four-year program.

There are five separate options available to participants:

1. College of Commissioner Science
  - Bachelor Degree (BCS) 100 series
  - Roundtable Bachelor Degree (BRCS) 200 series
  - Master Degree (MCS) 300 series
  - Roundtable Master Degree (MRCS) 400 series
  - Doctor Degree (DCS) 500 series
  - Continuing Education (CED) 700 series
2. College of Cub Scouting:
  - Bachelor Degree (CSB) 100 series
  - Master Degree (CSM) 200 series
  - Doctor Degree (CSD) 500 series
3. College of Boy Scouting:
  - Bachelor Degree (BSB) 100 series
  - Master Degree (BSM) 200 series
  - Doctor Degree (BSD) 500 series

## 4. College of Varsity Scouting

- Bachelor Degree (VyB) 100 series
- Master Degree (VyM) 200 series
- Doctor Degree (VyD) 500 series

## 5. College of Venture Scouting

- **Bachelor Degree (VnB) 100 series**
- **Master Degree (VnM) 200 series**
- **Doctor Degree (VnD) 500 series**

**RECOGNITION**

A metal square knot Venturing device is pinned to the University of Scouting patch for each of four levels achieved; Bachelor, Master, Doctorate and Faculty, in addition to the diploma awarded (No. 00940).

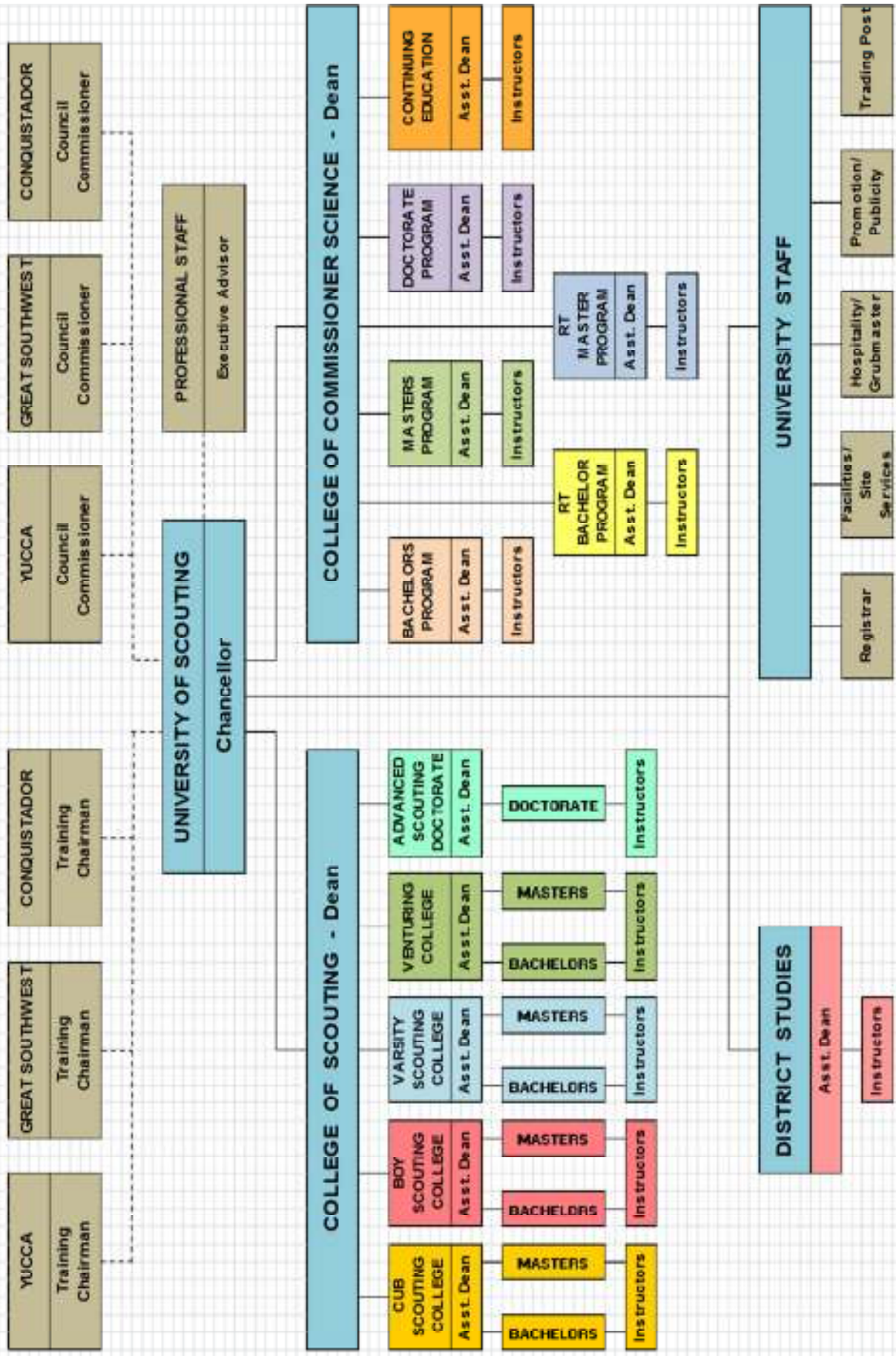
**CLASS SCHEDULE**

All courses are taught during a single Saturday. The Tri-Council College customarily meets on the last Saturday in April of each year. If arriving for the Friday evening registration and cracker barrel, college faculty and students should arrange their own overnight accommodations and evening meal.

The 2015 class schedule is:

- Friday evening
  - 7:30 – 8:30 Registration
  - 8:30 – 9:30 Cracker Barrel
- Saturday
  - 7:15 – 7:45 Registration for Saturday arrivals
  - 7:45 – 8:00 Opening Ceremony and Welcome with Council Commissioners
  - 8:00 – 8:50 Period ONE (50 min.)
  - 8:55 – 9:45 Period TWO (50 min.)
  - 9:45 – 10:00 Break (15 min.)
  - 10:00 – 11:50 Period THREE (50 min.)
  - 10:55 – 11:45 Period FOUR (50 min.)
  - 11:50 – 12:55 Lunch and Guest Speaker (65 min.)
  - 1:00 – 1:50 Period FIVE (50 min.)
  - 1:55 – 2:45 Period SIX (50 min.)
  - 2:45 – 3:00 Break (15 min.)
  - 3:00 – 3:50 Period SEVEN (50 min.)
  - 3:55 – 4:30 Closing Ceremony and Graduation (35 min.)

# TRI-COUNCIL UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING



# **COLLEGE of VENTURING DEGREES**

## **BACHELOR OF VENTURING DEGREE ( VnB )**

### Prerequisites

- Active registration as a Scouter
- Completion of 'This is Scouting' orientation (available on-line at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org))
- Completion of Fast Start for your position (available on-line at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org))
- Completion of Venture Leader Position Specific Training (Advisors and Assistants)
- Completion of Crew Committee Challenge (Committee Members)

### Degree Requirements

- Attend 7 VnB classes
- \*\* OR \*\***
- Attend 6 VnB and 1 CED class

## **MASTER OF VENTURING DEGREE ( VnM )**

### Prerequisites

- Active registration as a Scouter
- Completion of the Venturing Bachelor degree

### Degree Requirements

- Attend 7 CSM classes
- \*\* OR \*\***
- Attend 6 CSM and 1 CED classes
- \*\* OR \*\***
- Attend 6 CSM classes and teach 1 CSB lesson

## DOCTOR OF VENTURING DEGREE ( VnD )

### Prerequisites

- Active registration as a Scouter
- Completion of the Venturing Master degree
- Earned one of the following awards:
  - Venturing Training Award
  - Unit Leader Award of Merit
  - Venturing Advisor's Key
  - District Committee Key
- Recruit three adult Scout leaders (any level) during entire tenure required to earn doctorate degree.
- Registration as a Scouter must be maintained during the entire College of Venturing program (Bachelor through Doctorate).
- Serve on the College of Venturing faculty (instructor or support staff) for at least one year.

### Degree Requirements

- Attend 3 required classes
  - VnD 501 – Selecting a Thesis/Research Project Topic
  - VnD 502 – Limiting the Scope of the Topic
  - VnD 503 – Developing the Thesis Outline and Writing the Report
- Attend 2 additional VnD-level classes
- Attend 5 additional elective courses not previously taken
- Attend a total of 24 courses.
  - 7 Bachelor degree track courses (VnB)
  - 7 Master degree track courses (VnM)
  - 5 Doctorate required courses (3 required and 2 optional)
  - 5 additional elective courses (VnB, VnM, VnD OR CED)
- Completion of a pre-approved thesis or project on any topic of value to Scouting in the council. The topic or project and final paper must be approved by the council training chairman and the dean of the doctorate program. A copy of the completed thesis or project must be mailed to the doctorate program dean prior to April 9th of that year's College convening.

# **RECIPROCITY GUIDE**

## **Outside Course Work**

The Tri-Council College of Venturing will credit courses from another Council to be applied towards a Tri-Council College of Venturing degree if prior approval has been obtained from the current Tri-Council Dean of the College of Venturing, the respective Council Training Chairman, Staff Executive Advisor to the College, or the respective Scout Executive.

## **Degrees Earned Out of Council**

The Tri-Council College will honor degrees earned outside of the Council if the following conditions are met:

### **I. Bachelor of Venturing Degree**

Credit for a Bachelors of Venturing degree earned in a college of another council will be granted in the Tri-Council College if:

- A. The degree was earned in the last 10 years
- B. The Scouter has been an active Scouter since earning the degree
- C. The college required at least 5 courses for the degree

### **II. Master of Venturing Degree**

Credit for a Masters of Venturing degree earned in a college of another Council will be granted in the Tri-Council College if:

- A. The degree was earned in the last 10 years
- B. The Scouter has been an active Scouter since earning the degree
- C. The College required at least 5 advanced courses for the degree above the Bachelors requirements

### **III. Doctorate of Venturing Degree**

Credit for completed courses or a thesis toward a Doctorate degree will be given upon approval by the current Tri-Council Dean of the College of Venturing, the respective Council Commissioner, Staff Executive Advisor to the College, or the respective Scout Executive. However, credit for courses or a thesis outside of the Tri-Council will only be given if:

- A. The candidate has been an active Scouter since completing the course work or thesis
- B. The candidate has been registered as a Scouter and been active in the Tri-Council area for at least one year
- C. A candidate has participated in at least one Tri-Council College of Venturing



**NOTE:** The Tri-Council College of Venturing will honor the Venturing Training Award, Unit Leader Award of Merit, Venturing Advisor's Key and the District Committee Key earned in another Council. Doctorate degrees completed in another Council will also be honored. Any requirement or reciprocity issues not addressed by this document may be resolved by contacting the Dean of the College of Scouting, the respective Council Training Chairman, or the Staff Executive Advisor to the College.

# **BACHELOR OF VENTURING**

## **( VnB COURSES – 100 SERIES )**

**VnB 101 – Starting a Venturing Crew:** This course will give you the steps needed to establish a Venturing Crew. You will discover how to successfully plan and coordinate leaders and venturing scouts to start up a crew. We will work individually with each participant in class to develop their own crew and work to attract scouts and non-scouters, canoeing or rock climbing in a co-ed program.

**VnB 102 – Developing an Effective Venturing Crew:** This course will discuss what you do after the crew has been started and how to keep the Venturing enthusiasm at a record high. We will discuss how to organize an exhilarating trip that will leave your Venturing Scouts wanting more. Finally, we will teach you how to develop effective leadership in the crew and devise solutions to many issues that may arise.

**VnB 103 – How To Develop Your Crew Leaders:** Overview of training opportunities for youth and adults in the Venturing and Sea Scout programs. Discussion of age appropriate training programs and the youth training continuum for Venturers and Sea Scouts. Topics will include ILSC, ILSS, Kodiak Challenge, NYLT, SEAL, NAYLE, Wood Badge, Powder Horn, and PTC.

**VnB 104 – Issues Concerning Co-ed Venturing Crews:** A discussion of the dynamics and challenges of a coed crew.

**VnB 105 – Planning a Co-ed High Adventure Trek:** Course will cover organizing a high adventure trek, including: planning, staffing, training, and executing a trek with Venturing-age youth. Unique aspects of a co-ed outing will also be covered. Philmont Treks are the focus, but material applies to other physically demanding activities.

**VnB 106 – Overview of ILSC:** Overview of the training course, “Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews”, a course intended to help Venturers in leadership positions within their crew understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities.

**VnB 107 – Annual Program Planning:** Planning is essential for running a fun and exciting Venturing program. Get the tools and the resources that you need to help your youth plan an annual program that the whole crew will look forward to.

**VnB 108 – Crew, Troop and Pack Relations:** Many think of Venturing as a stand-alone program of the BSA, but Venturing is actually set up to interact with Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Discover how Venturing can serve as an asset to your Troop or Pack. Learn how Venturing can serve as an asset to strengthen your unit! Venturing Advisors will learn how Venturing is set up to mentor Troops and Packs.

**VnB 109 – Venturing By Laws, What Should They Include?:** A discussion on the elements required and/or desired to support the crew.

**VnB 110 – Who Runs the Venturing Crew?:** How does Venturing differ from Boy Scouting? Who is in charge? Why?

**VnB 111 – Venturing Recognitions:** A review of the new Venturing awards which became effective in 2015 and the associated requirements.

**VnB 112 – Crew and Troop: Partnering to Keep Older Youth Active:** How can you create a scouting program that recognizes the desire of older youth to take on higher adventure activities? A great way is partnering troops with crews. This course will show you how to develop a strong network between two different kinds of units, focusing on youth development and retention.

# **BACHELOR OF VENTURING**

## **( VnB COURSES – 100 SERIES )**

**VnB 113 – Powder Horn: Pathway to High Adventure:** It is a sampler of High Adventure activities you learn about in the hopes of creating a more exciting scouting program for your youth. Meet some of the staff for Powder Horn, learn about why you need to take this course.

**VnB 114 – Positioning Venturing as a Resource:** Not everyone realizes that advancement in Venturing requires youth leaders to teach what they have learned. Can your unit (pack, den, team, or troop) or Round Table take advantage of possible teaching opportunities provided by Venturing youth?

**VnB 115 – Don't Ever Do This!:** A discussion of safety, liability, policies, and common sense with reference to the Guide to Safe Scouting (specifically for Venturers).

**VnB 116 – How to Plan High Adventure Treks:** 5 W's and H on how to take your program up a notch or beyond.

**VnB 117 – From the Front Line:** Panel discussion with Venturing Advisors and Youth leaders regarding how best to have a great Venturing program for your youth.

**VnB 118 – What is Kodiak? What is Kodiak-X?:** Learn about a new Venturing youth program that's taking off in other councils. Could our council be next?

**VnB 119 – Survival BSA Style:** Learn mental preparedness, first aid, shelter, fire, water, food, signaling, navigation, and a survival kit.

**VnB 120 – Geocaching – Using a GPS and Geocaching to Promote Scouting:** Learn how GPS can make a campout better, and how to expand your use of GPS for program; includes the BSA Supplemental Training Module – “Geocaching to Promote Scouting”.

**VnB 121 – Backpacking - How to Lighten the Load:** Learn how to choose lighter gear and to decide what you really need to take with you on the trail.

**VnB 122 – How to Find a Consultant:** Consultants bring the Venturing program to life. Learn what makes a good consultant and where to look for them.

**VnB 123 – How to Run a Successful (and Fun) Youth Led Crew Meeting:** Learn how to keep Crew meetings productive and entertaining so that your High School Youth will find time to attend.

**VnB 124 – Here's Venturing and Sea Scouting:** Provides an introduction to the mission of Venturing (including Sea Scouts), its methods, and unique place in the Boy Scouts of America.

**VnB 125 – National Youth Leadership Training Orientation:** National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops/crews and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others; now open to Coed Venturing Scouts.

**VnB 126 – When Eve Hits the Trail:** Thoughts and advice for all women contemplating Philmont treks or any high adventure trek. NOTE: Class is restricted to female participants only.

# **MASTER OF VENTURING**

## **( VnM COURSES – 200 SERIES )**

**VnM 201 – So You're a Crew Officer – Now What?:** Ideas and expectations about taking leadership of your crew, taught by successful Venturing crew leaders.

**VnM 202 – Have a Great Program (Venturing Resources and Opportunities):** What does it take to have your Crew thrive and grow? How do you keep the Youth coming back for more? Learn what works and how to implement it.

**VnM 203 – Beyond Your Crew- Opportunities with Other Crews and Council:** Learn the benefits of partnering with other crews and hosting events for other crews in your area. Also, learn what the Venturing Officer's Association is all about.

**VnM 204 – Team Building Games and COPE Opportunities:** What do you know about building a team? Learn about smart games that bring momentum and leadership to your crew.

**VnM 205 – Mentoring and Coaching:** What is the difference between mentoring and coaching? How is it important in Venturing? Learn how you can positively lead the development of Scouts and Scouters with whom you work.

**VnM 206 – Committee's Role in a Crew:** Not sure how a committee fits in with Venturing? Learn about forming an effective crew committee, and how important it is to a well-run crew.

**VnM 207 – Venturing: Synergy with Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops:** This course will cover successfully meshing the Venturing program with that of local troops, recruiting from them, and finding the synergies to benefit all programs. Maintaining viable crews over the long term and Troop/Crew advancements issues are other aspects of this course.

**VnM 208 – So You Want to Work Summer Camp:** How you can get that cool summer job that will benefit both you and the youth you serve. What you need to know.

**VnM 209 – Discover Scuba:** An introduction to SCUBA equipment, safety and diving. This class requires the ability to swim, a swimming suit, and towel and personnel items. (3 hrs)

**VnM 210 – Archery:** An introduction to archery under the shooting sports elective. This class includes a review of the requirements, equipment, and practical experience with recurve bows at 9 and 18 meters. (3 hrs)

**VnM 211 – Rock Climbing:** An introduction to climbing equipment, safety, techniques and practice on a wall. This class requires a good pair of climbing or hard soled tennis shoes. (3 hrs)

**VnM 212 – Canoes and Kayaks:** An introduction to Canoes and Kayaks, safety and techniques and practice. This class requires the ability to swim, a swimming suit, and towel and personnel items. (3 hrs)

# **DOCTOR OF VENTURING COURSES**

## **( VnD COURSES – 500 SERIES )**

**NOTE:** *Underlined courses are required for the Doctor Degree*

**VnD 501 – Selecting a Thesis / Research Project Topic:** This session introduces the participants to the thesis or project, discusses what constitutes a good thesis / research topic or a DCS project, and helps them select their general topic.

**VnD 502 – Limiting the Scope of the Topic:** Participants receive help in reducing the thesis topic to a workable size and generating ideas for the thesis/project research.

**VnD 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.

**VnD 504 – Thesis / Project Workshop:** Scouters who have completed their BSD will discuss their challenges and solutions. This course is for those who feel they need more help getting started on or completing their thesis/project.

**VnD 505 – Being a Thesis / Project Advisor:** Prepares a person holding a BSD to become a thesis/project advisor. Provides specific procedures and techniques to make the task easier. Helps provide common standards for the acceptance of a DCS thesis/project.

**VnD 508 – Administering Volunteer Lifesaving:** District leaders are taught to give leadership to a Scouter lifesaving concept. It provides choices in selecting the lifesaving team approach.

**VnD 514 – The Volunteer Scouter and the Professional:** Learn more about the relationship between the district volunteers and the professional. How can they work closely together to reach a common goal of providing quality service to units?

**VnD 515 – District Journey to Excellence:** Learn about the elements of District Journey to Excellence and what it takes to ensure success in every area.

**VnD 520 – Assessing District Health:** Learn about the resources necessary to assess a district's ability to provide quality unit service. Learn how to use the resources available to the commissioner that can assist in identifying strengths and bring improvements to weaknesses found in the district.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES**

### **( CED COURSES – 700 SERIES )**

**CED 710 – Scouting in the LDS Church:** An overview of the many materials available and what every Commissioner should know. (Course can easily cover 1.5 to 2 hours.)

**CED 712 – Sea Scouting:** This is an overview of the materials provided for discussion on Sea Scouting for Commissioners. (Course can easily cover 2 to 3 hours.)

**CED 713 -- Working with Scouts with Special Needs – Advancement:** Participants of this course will become familiar with the “Rules of Engagement” for advancement in each of the Scouting program areas to help them to respond to the needs of these special youth. ( *Being taught in the Cub Scout Masters track for 2015* )

**CED 714 – Special Needs Scouting – AD/HD:** Participants of this course will become familiar with the multiple characteristics common to individuals who have AD/HD and with easy tips to help them to get the most out of the Scouting program.

**CED 715 – Special Needs Scouting – Autism Spectrum:** Participants of this course will become familiar with the multiple characteristics common to individuals who have Autism Spectrum Disorder and with easy tips to help them to get the most out of the Scouting program.

**CED 716 -- Managing Conflict:** Course examines the origins of conflict, communication and methods for resolution.

**CED 718 – Effective Communication:** Course explores communication tools, barriers and evolution in the digital age.

**CED 720 – Valuing Diversity:** The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and general understanding of diversity issues without making value judgments or calling into question peoples’ religious, culture, or political beliefs and affiliations.

**CED 721 – Valuing Diversity – Generation X:** The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and general understanding of Generation X participants who are those Americans born from 1965 to 1976. It covers their education, income, home ownership, living arrangements, their children and how they view volunteerism.

**CED 723 – Reaching the Next Multicultural Generation:** The main objective is to gain a better understanding of the needs and desires of African American, Hispanic/Latino American, and Asian American populations in relation to their participation in youth organizations in general and the Boy Scouts of America in particular.

**CED 724 – Men and Women – Different Not Better:** This is a FUN course that highlights the spatial abilities, vision differences, communications differences and speech differences between men and women from evolution to today.

# COLLEGE OF VENTURING RECORD

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITION TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PACK / DISTRICT / COUNCIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BSA MEMBER ID NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BACHELOR OF VENTURING DEGREE ( VnB )**

**DATE**

1. Completion of Position Specific Fast Start \_\_\_\_\_

2. Completion of Position Specific Leader Training \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>COURSE TITLE</u></b>	
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**MASTER OF VENTURING DEGREE ( VnM )**

**DATE**

<b><u>NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>COURSE TITLE</u></b>	
VnM _____	_____	_____
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**DOCTOR OF VENTURING DEGREE ( VnD )**

**DATE**

- 1. Award of Venturing Training Award -- or -- \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Award of District Committee Key -- or -- \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Award of Venturing Advisor's Key -- or -- \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Unit Leader Award of Merit \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Recruited three (3) new adult Scouters during my four (4) year tenure

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

- 6. Served one (1) year on the College of Venturing faculty:  
 Position ( instructor or support staff ): \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE**

VnD 501 Introduction and Selecting Thesis Research Topic / Project \_\_\_\_\_

VnD 502 Limiting the Scope of the Topic \_\_\_\_\_

VnD 503 Developing Thesis Outline and Writing Report \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOPIC / PROJECT TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETION APPROVAL:**

**Approval Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_