Doctor of Ministry

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Doctor of Ministry Core Courses (5 credit hours each)

DM 800: Leadership in Pastoral Care
DM 801: Church Growth and Leadership
DM 802: Cross Cultural Perspectives in Pastoral Leadership
DM 803: Counseling, Family Life, and Pastoral Leadership
DM 804: The Media, Leadership and the Church
DM 805: Spiritual Development of the Pastor, Church and Community
DM 806: Ethics and the Church in Today’s Culture – A Pastoral Perspective
DM 807: Conflict Management and Resolution in Church Life
DM 809: Women in Ministry: The Controversy of Ordination of Women
DM 810: Leadership Principles Applied to Pastoral Ministry and Church Extension
DM 811: Missions in the 21st Century
DM 812: The New Apostolic Reformation: Paradigms and Procedures
DM 813: Psychology and Theology: Conflicting or Complementary
DM 814: Contemporary Theology and Evangelical Belief
DM 816: Renewal Ministry from a Historical Church Perspective
DM 817: Revival and Church Planting – Principles of Translation
DM 818: Preaching: Its place and Importance in Contemporary Worship
DM 819: Contemporary Worship: The Strengths and Weaknesses

Doctoral Project

Upon approval of the proposal the student may begin writing his or her Doctoral Project according to the specific format. The Doctoral Project is the finishing work for the doctoral degree, and is what provides the right to be called “Doctor.” It earns 10 credits towards the degree program. The guidelines for the writing of the Project are found in the book Research Writing Made Easy. Through the combination of foundational coursework, diligent study, and the guidance of a doctoral project coordinator, students successfully complete projects that are both personally gratifying and that contribute to the advancement of God’s kingdom.

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Purpose
The purpose of this degree program is to equip the student for a higher level of competence in the practice of ministry than that achieved in the foundational work normally resulting in an M.Div. degree. The Doctor of Ministry degree program is designed to serve the need of ministers for an experience of continuing education which renews the personal life of faith, further develops professional competence, and stimulates continued growth in biblical and theological foundations for ministry.

Program Goals
Upon completion of the program, the student will be able to:
- Serve the need of ministers for an experience of continuing education.
- Renew the personal life of faith.
- Develop professional competence.
- Stimulate continued growth in biblical and theological foundations for ministry.

Prerequisite
The Doctor of Ministry requires a prerequisite of 15 graduate credit hours in Biblical Studies or Theology as well as holding a Master's degree.

Nature of the Program
The program of studies leading to the Doctor of Ministry degree is a 45-credit (consisting of 35 credit hours in coursework and 10 credit hours for the doctoral project) program of study designed for men and women who are engaged in pastoral and related ministries. The candidates are challenged to develop their ministerial skills and to refine and articulate a biblical theology of ministry while in a setting of ministry.

Core Courses
The student will complete seven courses, each of which constitutes five semester credit hours. A 20-page paper is to be written on each topic. The choice belongs to the student, unless the committee determines a weakness in the student's prior academic background. Upon completion of the core topics the student will be advanced to candidacy. Completion of each core topic earns 5 credit hours. Course descriptions are provided to the student in a separate document as requested. The student has the option to choose seven core courses or choose one emphasis.

Doctor of Ministry Emphasis Courses (5 credit hours each)

**Human Behavior**
- CC 840: Clinical Applications of Counseling in the Church
- CC 850: Psychopathology, Sin and Demonic Influence
- CC 860: Psychotherapy, Pastoral Counseling and Inner Healing
- CC 870: Psychology and Theology: A Personal Integration
- CC 880: Personality Theory, Therapy: A Christian Worldview
- DM 803: Counseling, Family Life, and Pastoral Leadership
- DM 807: Conflict Management and Resolution in Church Life
- DM 899: Doctoral Project (10 credit hours)

**Education and Leadership**
- ED 810: Conflict Resolution in Educational Leadership
- ED 820: Human Behavior and Management in Education
- ED 830: Psychology of Learning in Education
- ED 840: Philosophy of Educational Leadership
- ED 850: Educational Leadership for Private School and Church
- DM 801: Church Growth and Leadership
- DM 810: Leadership Principles Applied to Pastoral Ministry and Church Extension
- DM 899: Doctoral Project (10 credit hours)

The doctoral student must submit a bibliography of the books used for the core papers.

Doctoral Project Proposal
The student is then to write a proposal for the Doctorate, describing the project according to the prescribed format. The completed proposal is to be approved by the Doctoral Committee of the College. The process and format for a Doctoral Proposal is described in *Research Writing Made Easy*. These resources will be provided by the Student Services Department.