

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (D.Min.)

Purpose

The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry degree program is to develop Christian leaders through doctoral level instruction, research, and practice. The program is divided into three major components: Foundational Seminars, Elective Seminars, and the Ministry Project Dissertation.

Specializations

Students may specialize by choosing elective seminars from one or more emphases. Qualified students selecting the Church Planting Specialization are eligible for appointment as church planting missionaries through the North American Mission Board's Nehemiah Project. Directed (independent) studies are available for students seeking advanced training in a particular ministry field. Contact the Doctoral Studies Office (877-414-3755 or docstudies@mbts.edu) for information about these and other available emphases.

Students selecting the Counseling Specialization are required to complete a total of thirty-six hours for the degree. DR30020 Orientation to Doctoral Studies (4 hrs) is to be completed prior to taking any of the elective counseling seminars; DR30060 Integrating Christian Faith & Practice (4 hrs) is to be taken before DR30090 Project Methodology (4 hrs); and DR30090 Project Methodology (4 hrs) is to be taken after the counseling seminars and prior to beginning DR30990 Ministry Project Dissertation – D.Min. (6 hrs).

Duration

The D.Min. degree is a 30 hour program designed to be completed in no less than three years. All work for the degree must be completed within five years.

Military Chaplaincy Program

Qualified U.S. army chaplains admitted to Midwestern's D.Min. program may request the transfer of up to 15 credit hours toward the D.Min. degree for military training in such areas as Chaplaincy Officer Basic Course, Chaplaincy Officer Advanced Course, and/or ILE/CGSC training. At least one half (15 hours) of the 30 hours required for the D.Min. degree must be completed at Midwestern. All of the D.Min. program fees (i.e., \$6,190 for a qualified Southern Baptist student and 11,190 for all other students) must be paid regardless of the number of transfer hours. Contact the Doctoral Studies Office (877-414-3755 or docstudies@mbts.edu) for information about the D.Min Military Chaplaincy Program.

Professional Doctoral Studies Objectives

Students graduating from a Professional Doctoral Studies program will be able to:

1. Draw on the resources of the classical area of theological study.
2. Do original field research and needs analysis.
3. Organize and motivate others to carry out such program plans with a high level of competence.
4. Move beyond routinely accepted techniques of ministry toward new dimensions, methods and outreach.

D.Min. Degree Objectives

Students graduating from the Doctor of Ministry degree program will be able to:

5. Demonstrate competence in applying theological convictions to any ministry context to which they are called;
6. Interpret and apply Biblical texts to life situations by demonstrating accurate, classically defined discipline in the handling of sacred Scriptures;
7. Lead the church of God ethically and effectively in pursuing Christ's commission and commandments; and
8. Demonstrate exceptional skills in the Biblically assigned tasks of proclamation, care, leadership, and/or church planting.

CURRICULUM

Foundational Seminars <i>(all are required)</i>	12 hours
30020 Orientation to Doctoral Studies	4 hrs
30060 Integrating Christian Faith & Practice	4 hrs
30090 Project Methodology	4 hrs
Elective Seminars <i>(choose three)</i>	12 hours
Expository Preaching	
30140 Advanced Expository Preaching	4 hrs
30143 Style & Application in Expository Preaching	4 hrs
30146 Doctrinal & Topical Exposition	4 hrs
30150 Preaching & Ministry Practice	4 hrs
Care and Counseling	
30240 Pastoral Care & Counseling	4 hrs
30250 Counseling Issues (topic varies)	4 hrs
30260 Advanced Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment	2 hrs
30262 Advanced Biological Basis of Behavior	2 hrs
30264 Psychopharmacological Issues in Clinical Practice	2 hrs
30266 Counselor Supervision and Health	2 hrs
30268 Practice Building	2 hrs
30270 Advanced Diagnosis & Treatment Planning	2 hrs
30272 Advanced Psychotherapy & Treatment	2 hrs
30274 Advanced Marriage & Family Therapy	2 hrs
30276 Advanced Diagnosis & Treatment of Addiction Disorders	2 hrs
Leadership	
30070 Christian Leadership	4 hrs
30330 Developing Christian Leaders	4 hrs
30340 Leadership Issues (topic varies)	4 hrs
30370 Worship Leadership	4 hrs
30380 Spiritual Formation	4 hrs
Church Planting and Revitalization	
30420 Church Planting Evangelism	4 hrs
30430 Sponsoring New Churches	4 hrs
30440 Church Revitalization I	4 hrs
30445 Church Revitalization II	4 hrs
Ministry Project Dissertation	6 hours
30990 Ministry Project Dissertation – D.Min.	6 hrs
TOTAL	30 hours