

MBTS Doctoral Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the language requirements?

The D.Min. and D.Ed.Min. do not generally require additional language studies. The Ph.D. requires a minimum of 12 hours each of Greek and Hebrew. German and French or Latin is required during the first two years.

How do the seminars work?

The D.Min. and D.Ed.Min. involve two or three five-day “intensive seminars” each year. Seminars are generally held on the MBTS campus and require significant pre-seminar and post-seminar research and writing. Ph.D. seminars are held each Monday during the first four semesters of study.

What are the basic requirements for admission?

The D.Min. generally requires an accredited M.Div. degree. The D.Ed.Min. generally requires an accredited MACE or MARE degree. The Ph.D. generally requires a 60 hour theological M.A., M.Div. or Th.M.

A 3.0 out of a 4.0 is required for unconditional admission to the D.Min. and D.Ed.Min. The Ph.D. requires the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Please contact us for additional admissions requirements, M.Div./MACE equivalency requirements, and transfer of credit questions.

How long does the program take?

The D.Min. is designed to be completed in three years; the D.Ed.Min. is designed to be completed in four years; and the Ph.D. is designed to be completed in five years.

When are the applications due?

The D.Min. and D.Ed.Min. are open enrollment programs with Orientation to Doctoral Studies offered three times per year. Applications for the Ph.D. must be completed by Feb. 1 each year.