

# **DIPLOMA FOR THE MINISTERING WIFE (DIP-DW)**

## **Purpose**

The Diploma for the Ministering Wife (DW) provides a course of study for the wives of Midwestern Seminary students. Classes provide instruction designed to enable and enhance spiritual and practical skills necessary for effective service as a ministering wife. Students must have a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) diploma.

Midwestern believes that when God calls a married man into full-time ministry, He also calls the man's wife. The couple is one in marriage and one in ministry. Their roles are unique but they are a team. The **WISDOM** program (Wives In Seminary Developing Our Ministries) offers courses designed to equip the wife of a minister to be a more effective part of this team.

A Diploma for the Ministering Wife is presented to those completing the prescribed requirements. Many of the WISDOM courses are taught by wives of Midwestern's professors or administrators. Midwestern professors, administrators, and others with ministry experience from the area also assist in teaching. Free childcare is provided by reservation.

Courses with a DW designator are not equivalent to undergraduate level courses. As such, DW courses may not be used to satisfy undergraduate degree program requirements.

## **Diploma for the Ministering Wife Objectives**

Students graduating with the Diploma for the Ministering Wife will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the Bible and personal discipleship.
2. Develop an appreciation for Baptist heritage, mission and ministries.
3. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the biblical foundation for marriage and the family.
4. Develop an understanding of ministry opportunities in view of their personal talents and gifts.

## **Location**

Courses for the Diploma for the Ministering Wife are only offered on campus in Kansas City.

## **Duration**

Students attend part-time in the evening and complete the requirements in two to three years.

## **Admission**

The Diploma for the Ministering Wife requires students to have a high school diploma or its equivalent and to be the wife of a Seminary degree-seeking student.

## **Distinctive Resources**

Diploma for the Ministering Wife students have access to community life that provides informal educational experiences, religious fellowship, and opportunity for reflection upon the meaning of faith in its relation to preparation for ministry.

## CURRICULUM

<b>Foundational Core</b>	<b>12 hours</b>
DW10 Carolyn Hester Student Wives Retreat	1 hr
DW12 Ministering Wife	2 hrs
DW14 Baptist Heritage and Beliefs	1 hr
DW15 Marriage Enrichment Seminar for Seminary Couples	2 hrs
DW16 Old Testament	1 hr
DW17 New Testament	1 hr
DW21 Spiritual Disciplines	2 hrs
DW26 Evangelism and Missions	2 hrs
<b>Electives</b>	<b>2 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14 hours</b>

### Elective Courses

Diploma for the Ministering Wife (DW) electives are selected from the following courses:

DW33 Deaf Interpretation	2 hrs
DW34 Bible Study	2 hrs
DW35 Leading Bible Studies	1 hr
DW36 Practicum	1 hr
DW37 WISDOM Workshop	1 hr
DW38 Missionary Wife	1 hr
DW39 Ministry in the Church	1 hr
MU355 Hymn Playing (or CM9504, if qualified) <sup>1</sup>	2 hrs

1. Enrollment in Hymn Playing requires enrolling in the associate's or master's level course, if qualified, and paying the applicable associate's or master's tuition and fees.