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MINISTRY

Sometimes answering the call can be interrupted by the everyday challenges of serving a church, which is why Perkins School of Theology offers a program designed to help clergy and church leaders reintegrate theology into their ministry while simultaneously enhancing leadership skills. It takes a real world approach to teaching, with special concentration in the areas of Evangelism, Parish Leadership, Spiritual Formation, and Urban Ministry. Through reflection, exploration, and peer sharing, Perkins' Doctor of Ministry can help put the higher calling back into the purpose of your ministry.

The Doctor of Ministry Program offers:

- A renowned faculty
- Convenient class schedules
- Integration of theology with your ministry
- Intensive peer group interaction and learning
- Financial grants and scholarships

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AREAS OF STUDY

Evangelism

This concentration provides opportunities for persons in ministry to study and enhance their capacity for leading congregations in growth as faith communities while reaching out to persons in the wider community with love and compassion.

Parish Leadership

This concentration provides opportunities for persons in ministerial leadership to reflect upon practice and enhance skills for developing the ministry of the whole church.

Spiritual Formation

This concentration encourages a deeper and more dynamic understanding of Christian spiritual traditions, explores the relationship between spirituality and theology, and provides conceptual understandings needed to distinguish between spiritual direction, pastoral care, and therapy.

Urban Ministry

This concentration provides opportunities for persons in ministry with people and institutions affected by the dynamics of urban life – whether in the inner city, the suburbs, rural areas, or exurban settings – to broaden understanding and effectiveness in meeting the unique challenges of this ministry.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Professional Leadership in a Ministry Setting

Admission requirements include: an accredited M.Div. degree or equivalent with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Effectiveness in ministry, with a minimum of three years of full-time experience following completion of the M.Div. degree.

Essays addressing your ministry, theology, and the proposed area for study.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Doctor of Ministry degree requires 27 term hours total for graduation. Students generally complete the degree in three to four years while continuing to work in full time ministry. Attending two sessions or seminars on campus each year will be required.

The Person and Role of the Minister and *Seminar in Practical Theology* are offered together at the beginning of the three-week intensive format beginning in June of each year.

Professional Project I and *Professional Project II*. One and a half day seminars designed to help students develop their project.

Intensive On-Campus Two-Week Format. These classes meet on campus in early January and late June and are designed for learning within the context of students' ongoing ministry and are worth three credit hours.

Professional Practicum. A supervised experience in ministry within the students' professional context.

Professional Project Thesis. The written Project Thesis is a contribution to the understanding and practice of ministry related to the students' ongoing ministry.

CONTACT

For an Application or Information

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Application Deadlines

June Admission March 15

January Admission October 1

On-Campus Information Sessions

June 30 1 – 4pm

August 31 9am – 1pm

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