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AREAS OF STUDY

Evangelism

Provides opportunities for ministers 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.

Missional Church Studies

Provides theological foundations and practical guidance for developing new faith communities that are missional in character, and for leading existing congregations through renewal toward becoming missional churches.

Parish Leadership

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

Preaching and Worship

Provides a rich understanding of the tradition and contemporary practice of Christian worship and preaching to enhance the integrity and effectiveness of ministry.

Spiritual Formation

Encourages a deep and dynamic understanding of Christian spiritual traditions, explores the relationship between spirituality and theology, and provides conceptual understandings to distinguish between spiritual direction, pastoral care, and therapy.

Urban Ministry

Provides opportunities for ministers with people and institutions affected by the dynamics of urbanization and globalization to broaden understanding and effectiveness in meeting the unique challenges of this ministry.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

An ATS-accredited MDiv degree or equivalent with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0/4.0.

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

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

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Doctor of Ministry degree requires 27 term hours taken over three to four years while continuing to work in full time ministry. On-campus sessions meet in early January and late June.

- *The Person and Role of the Minister* and *Practical Theology* seminars are offered together in a three-week intensive format.

- *Professional Project Seminars* help students develop their project.
- Four electives are taken in intensive on-campus two-week formats.
- *Professional Practicum* offers a supervised experience in ministry within each student's professional context.
- *Professional Project Thesis* is a written contribution to the understanding and practice of ministry related to each student's ongoing ministry.

CONTACT

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Application Deadlines

June Admission March 15

January Admission October 1

On-campus information sessions are held throughout the year. Please contact our office for more information.

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