

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

CHURCH MINISTRIES AND LEADERSHIP

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) is an advanced professional degree designed to continue the education of ministers so they may be spiritually renewed and increasingly effective in their world ministry contexts. The program helps students develop and refine their understanding of ministry in biblical, theological, historical, ethical, and practical areas. Classes are taught in a modular format so that students may maintain their existing ministry positions while pursuing the degree. Students remain in a cohort group for their core courses, and choose from one of two specializations: Pastoral Care and Counseling, or Church Ministries and Leadership.

During the first two years, students attend one-week modules in the fall, spring, and summer—a total of six weeks over a two-year period. Two courses are taken by distance format between sessions. Applied research projects are normally conducted in the third year, but may be extended up to two additional years.

This degree is designed to:

- Broaden students' understanding of charismatic theology
- Further develop ministerial identity and vision
- Strengthen leadership, administration, and pastoral counseling skills
- Teach on topics including pneumatology, healing, church health, and leadership

SPECIALIZATION IN CHURCH MINISTRIES AND LEADERSHIP (CML)

Students may choose to focus on the leadership of church and parachurch ministries. Students in this track are pastors, staff members, chaplains (military, hospital, penal, hospice and industrial), missionaries, denominational leaders, campus pastors, faculty and staff in Bible colleges. The D.Min. is an advanced professional degree designed to continue the education of ministers. This specialized track is designed to assist ministers to be spiritually renewed and increasingly effective in their ministries.

The purpose of the program is to help ministers grow in their understanding and interpretation of the church biblically, theologically, historically, culturally, and practically. Students are expected to further develop their skills at exegeting the changing world in which ministry takes place. Continued work is done in refining and articulating a theology and philosophy of ministry while in a setting of ministry.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Master of Divinity Degree or academic equivalent from a regionally accredited institution or a school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada. Those with a Master's degree in a theological field but without a Master of Divinity may be able to take leveling courses in preparation for entering the Doctor of Ministry program.
- Master's work grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Minimum of three years of full-time post-Master's ministry experience

Detailed information is available at [**gradtheology.oru.edu**](http://gradtheology.oru.edu)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Doctor of Ministry degree requires 38.5 hours of course credit, including an applied research project and graduate health fitness requirements.

YEAR ONE—SEMINARS

Fall, Seminar I

1 Week on Campus - DMIN 711 Ministerial Identity & Personal Assessment - 3 Semester Hours

Distance - DMIN 785 Foundations of Ministry Research - 3 Semester Hours

Spring, Seminar II

1 Week on Campus - DMIN 716 Ministry & Dynamics of the Holy Spirit - 3 Semester Hours

Distance - DMIN 786 Methods of Ministry Research - 3 Semester Hours (CML Track)

DMIN 770 Research Methods in Pastoral Care & Counseling - 3 Semester Hours (PCC Track)

Summer, Seminar III

1 Week on Campus - DMIN 712 Biblical Issues & Themes for Ministry - 3 Semester Hours

DMIN 717 Theological Issues & Themes for Ministry - 3 Semester Hours

YEAR TWO—WORKSHOPS AND SPECIALIZATION

Fall, Workshop I

1 Week on Campus - DMIN 768 Pastoral Counseling in the 21st Century - 3 Semester Hours

DMIN 735 Communicating the Gospel - 3 Semester Hours (CML Track)

DMIN 752 Advanced Workshop for Marriage and Family Therapy - 3 Semester Hours (PCC Track)

Spring, Workshop II

1 Week on Campus - DMIN 761 Pastoral Care for Spiritual Development - 3 Semester Hours

DMIN 730 Missional Leadership Strategies for Today's Church - 3 Semester Hours (CML Track)

DMIN 753 Advanced Workshop for Addictive Behaviors - 3 Semester Hours (PCC Track)

Summer, Workshop III

1 Week on Campus - DMIN 733 Healing Ministries in the 21st Century - 3 Semester Hours

DMIN 732 Leading for Ministry Effectiveness - 3 Semester Hours (CML Track)

DMIN 738 Principles of Supervision in Pastoral Care and Counseling - 3 Semester Hours (PCC Track)

YEAR THREE (AND LONGER, IF NECESSARY)

Each student chooses an area of interest related to church ministry and leadership and completes an applied research project. Projects focus upon such facets of ministry as evangelism, church growth, preaching, Christian education, missions, the church and society, and healing.

Graduate Health Fitness courses are required for a total of 1.5 credit hours.

ACCREDITATION

- Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS)
- The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools