



ORU

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

ORU SEMINARY—A GLOBAL PLACE FOR WORLD-CLASS TRAINING IN MINISTRY

Since its inception, the ORU College of Theology and Ministry has provided sound academic, theological and biblical education with a distinctive charismatic dimension. It is essential not only to be well-trained and academically competent, but also to place that knowledge at the disposal of the Holy Spirit as a tool for ministry in order to bring revival, transformation and healing. To equip you fully, the Graduate School of Theology and Ministry provides advanced theological training combined with a comprehensive curriculum for professional ministry skills that lead to more effective evangelism and healing for mind, body and spirit.

PROFESSORS WHO MENTOR

ORU has a distinguished charismatic theological faculty. In addition to holding earned doctorates from major universities and seminaries worldwide, they also come with rich and varied ministry experiences, a heart for ministry and the desire to lead others to an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Your academic education will be enriched by their wealth of expertise as they serve as mentors and models. In the classroom, professors provide biblical understanding, theological insight and ministry preparedness in an atmosphere of caring accountability. Professors also spend one-on-one time helping you identify your strengths and weaknesses, develop spiritually, and actualize your call by discovering and developing your spiritual gifts for ministry.

ACCREDITATION

- Oral Roberts University is accredited regionally by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- ORU Graduate School of Theology and Ministry is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS)

MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is the basic degree for professional ministry, integrating biblical literature, theological/historical studies and the practices of ministry. To enable students to focus on their particular ministry needs and callings, a significant portion of the course requirements are electives to be selected by students in conjunction with a faculty advisor. The Master of Divinity is also the prerequisite degree for those planning to continue their studies and pursue a Doctor of Ministry degree. Students may complete an M.Div. either through residential or modular formats.



MASTER OF ARTS

Academic Programs

Academic Master of Arts degrees are designed to equip students to understand and appreciate the biblical, historical and theological content of the Christian faith within a charismatic context and to assist students in interpreting and communicating that faith. Each four-semester program prepares students for teaching, writing, or doctoral studies.

Academic programs include:

- Biblical Literature
- Theological/Historical Studies
- Biblical Literature with a concentration in Advanced Languages
- Biblical Literature with a concentration in Judaic-Christian Studies



Professional Programs

Professional Master of Arts degrees prepare students for specialized ministries within the local church, church-related agencies, or other professional settings. Each is a four-semester program. Professional programs include:

- Christian Counseling
- Missions
- Christian Counseling with a concentration in Marital and Family Therapy
- Practical Theology (available through residential and modular formats)
- Practical Theology with a concentration in Teaching Ministries

MODULAR FORMAT

The Graduate School of Theology and Ministry offers the following degrees in a distance learning format: the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Practical Theology, and Doctor of Ministry. This format allows individuals to participate in intensive one-week sessions on the Tulsa campus while maintaining current commitments to ministry, careers and family. By selecting modules that fit their schedules, students control how long it takes to complete their degrees. Several courses may be completed at a distance via the Internet. These courses may be taken concurrently with the modular courses.

JOINT DEGREES

The Graduate School of Theology and Ministry offers an innovative program where two degrees may be taken simultaneously. By pursuing two distinct theological degrees, students reduce overall program time by up to a year. Those interested in seeking joint degree status are encouraged to speak with an academic advisor for more information on their particular combination.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry program, now celebrating its 30th year at ORU, is an in-ministry degree for those currently in professional ministry who have a minimum of three years post-master's ministry experience. Students attend modules on the Tulsa campus for one-week intensive sessions and are immediately able to incorporate what they've learned into their ministries. Tracks available include Church Ministries and Leadership, and Pastoral Care and Counseling.

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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 year, students attend one-week modules in the fall and spring and one two-week residency in the summer. Two courses are taken by distance format between sessions. During the second year, students come on campus for one week in the fall, spring, and summer—a total of seven weeks over a two-year period. 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 para church 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

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- 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: www.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

- 2-Week Residency - DMIN 768 Pastoral Counseling in the 21st Century - 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 712 Biblical Issues & Themes for Ministry - 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 Leading Healing Ministries - 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.

Assessment courses are required for a total of 1 hour.

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This Specialization is Designed to:

- Prepare students for successful ministry in a local church as a pastoral counselor or chaplain
- Enhance pastoral skills in local churches and ministries
- Strengthen academic requirements to gain membership in professional organizations
- Provide students with advanced counseling and care-giving skills
- Enable students to develop a whole-person orientation for the healing ministry
- Develop students' abilities to think and reflect theologically, and effectively evaluate ministry endeavors

There are many reasons for seeking this specialization track:

Professional Reasons

- To enhance qualifications for entry into the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC)
- To pursue certification as a Certified Pastoral Counselor
- To enhance qualification for entry into the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)
- To reduce supervision requirements for LPC licensure
- To pursue a career in college or Bible college/institute teaching

Clinical Reasons

- Increased knowledge and professionalism
- Entry into a specialized field of counseling
- Possible employment opportunities in Pastoral Counseling centers
- Work in health care centers

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