

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

LOUISVILLE SEMINARY

The Doctor of Ministry program strives to reflect the Church's vocation to bear witness to the grace of the triune God as shown in Jesus Christ, and continues Louisville Seminary's long history of reaching across cultural, racial, and religious divides. The DMin program strengthens the connection between theology and ministry practice in the Church or in fields closely related to the mission and witness of the church, while fostering the spiritual and professional growth of participants. Core professors work with experienced practitioners to build face-to-face communities of learning in which students study cutting-edge theological, biblical, and practical bases of ministry; share collective wisdom, curiosity, and experience; and complete a Research Project that informs and enhances their current ministry.

3
YEARS

36
CREDIT HOURS

An advanced, professional degree, the DMin is designed for experienced practitioners who have a Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent from an ATS-accredited school, along with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and significant ministry experience (either a minimum of three years post MDiv experience or at least five years of consistent professional ministry prior to application).

The program is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

PLAN OF STUDY

The Louisville Seminary Doctor of Ministry degree is a 36-credit-hour program consisting of a series of four Foundational Seminars, at least three Advanced Practice Elective Courses, and a final Integrative Project that addresses a significant issue in ministry. The program is designed to be completed in three years.

TRACKS

BLACK CHURCH STUDIES

The DMin in Black Church Studies is designed to offer a flexible, advanced program of training that leads to doctoral-level competence in a wide variety of areas for Black Churches: preaching, pastoral care, Christian education, evangelism, congregational redevelopment, and community organizing. The program is designed to enhance critical theological thinking and reflection skills that are then used to inform current or proposed ministry practices.



PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

The DMin in Pastoral Care and Counseling (PCC) is designed to offer a flexible, advanced program of training that leads to doctoral-level competence in the practice of pastoral care and counseling.

ADVANCED PRACTICE OF MINISTRY

The DMin in Advanced Practice of Ministry is designed to offer a flexible, advanced program of training that leads to doctoral-level competence in a wide variety of areas: preaching, pastoral care, Christian education, evangelism, mission, worship, congregational development and redevelopment, and community engagement. The program is designed to enhance critical theological thinking and reflection skills that are then used to inform current or proposed ministry practices.

SCHEDULE



6 CREDITS:

Seminar I (Jan.) 2 Weeks

4 CREDITS:

Seminar II (June) 1 Week

3 CREDITS*:

Advanced Professional Course
OR Independent Study



4 CREDITS:

Seminar III (Jan.) 1 Week

3 CREDITS*:

Advanced Professional Course
OR Independent Study

6 CREDITS:

Seminar IV (June) 2 Weeks

APPROVAL OF PROSPECTUS



3 CREDITS*:

Advanced Professional Course

OR Independent Study 1 Week

7 CREDITS:

Project in Ministry
(Completed by Mar. 1 or Oct. 1)

NOTE: Advanced Professional Courses (APCs) may be taken any time throughout the year and do not necessarily have to correspond with the DMin Seminars. Advanced Professional Courses may not be taken prior to DMin Seminar II without the written permission of the Associate Dean. Graduation occurs in December or May.

TUITION AND OTHER ESTIMATED EDUCATIONAL COSTS:



\$ 14,500 Total tuition for the entire program

\$ 2,000 Books and incidental costs for 4 seminars and
3 elective courses

\$ 16,500 (While the program remains online due to COVID-19 protocols.)

SEPTEMBER 1
APPLICATION DEADLINE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.LPTS.EDU/DMIN



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