

Metropolitan College of Theology

Doctorate Degree Program

When a student reaches the Doctoral level, he or she has reached a level where course study is no longer a challenge. The student is required to submit a 50,000 word positional dissertation in his or her chosen field or study. This dissertation must be typewritten and bound.

A student enrolled in Biblical Counseling Degree program is required to submit a 55,000 word positional dissertation in his or her chosen field or study.

- **THE DISSERTATION MUST BE DEFENDED BEFORE THE REVIEW BOARD!**

All students receiving a Doctoral Degree are required to purchase a robe, hood, and a tam, and must attend the North Carolina Theological Seminary Graduation. Doctoral students are requested to attend the local Graduation of Metropolitan College of Theology.

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This college has been designed for the perfecting of the saints. The necessity of this program is to enhance the intellectual challenges and theology for the students that qualify.

Each candidate for the Doctoral program is expected to achieve expert knowledge as well as an outstanding ability of conducting research and documentation.

Goals and Objectives: The proposal doctoral program intends:

- To make use of the resources that Metropolitan College of Theology has to offer and prepare individuals who are capable of thinking creatively about the principles of teaching the Bible on a college level.
- Course Work in this program will consist of submitting a well written and well researched dissertation.
- The student must be able to prepare and defend the subject matter that they are writing about.

Credits and Course of Study: The Doctoral Program requires a minimum of 231 credit hours preferably with a Master Degree however:

- The acceptance of other degree study programs from previous universities and colleges may be considered.
- You may have a rich Pastorate and Ministry History that will need to be reviewed by Bishop Dr. James E. Streeter, Founder of Metropolitan College of Theology respectively.

To complete the Doctoral Program, it will take one year of study and submission of the assigned dissertation work. Students who have not completed their degree within the academic year after the approval of the dissertation proposal must petition Bishop Dr. James E. Streeter, Founder of Metropolitan College of Theology.

Admissions to the Doctoral Degree Program

In general, the admission process follows standard Metropolitan College of Theology procedures. Admission into the Doctoral Program is based on the applicant's academic record, letters of recommendation, the Master's Degree record, a brief written essay of why he or she want to enter the Doctorate Degree Program.

In the essay, the applicants will:

1. Articulate the nature of their interest in the Doctoral Degree Program.
2. Outline how their education has provided preparation to further their studies.

A Master's Degree is required for admission; however, students holding a range of degrees, other studies, certificates from a variety of programs will be considered (e.g., Master's Degrees in Divinity, Religion, Theology, etc.).

The Doctorate Degree: A Doctoral Candidate obtains a Doctorate Degree in their specific field of study. For example, the Doctorate in Theology is called, **Doctor of Theology**, abbreviated **D.Th., Th.D., D. Theol., or Dr. Theol.**) **Business Administration** is called a **DBS**. All these and many more degrees are Doctoral degrees as they are considered to be the highest learning points in these fields of study.

A Ph.D. is a Doctor of Philosophy: This degree implies that the pursuer or the candidate has mastered all applicable knowledge on a chosen field of study, thus earning the right for the conferment of the degree. It is the philosophy level and is normally acquired after the Doctorate Degree Level. This is also the degree title for the "Doctor of Philosophy" in philosophy specifically.

A Ph.D. is the highest academic degree available no matter what the subject. The majority of their study is spent carrying out a large body of research, which they publish as dissertation.

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Part One

Part One of the Theology Doctoral Program consists of 24 units of seminars and directed reading including a methods seminar foundational course. After 24 units have been completed, students will take a comprehensive examination based on course study and seminars.

Orientation

Methodology 611: Research Methodology Dr. James E. Streeter, Ph.D. (8 Units)

Methodology 612: Purposeful Writing Dr. James E. Streeter, Ph.D. (8 Units)

Research 620: Competency for Inquiry Dr. James E. Streeter, Ph.D. (8 Units)

Examination (4 Units)

Part Two

Part Two consists of completing 28 units of research, development, compiling and composing the doctoral dissertation. Candidates will be required to defend their dissertation based on the validity of their research and subsequent decision of the Doctoral Advisory Board, therefore, submission of an initial or rough draft is essential.

Research 630: Inquiry & Composition

- 1. Development of Thesis Topic & Outline or Table of Contents (4 Units)**
- 2. Research & Composition of Dissertation (8 Units)**
- 3. Submission of Rough Draft (4 Units)**
- 4. Defense of Dissertation**
- 5. Submission of Final Draft (12 Units)**
- 6. Oral Presentation**

Total – 52 Units