



PROVIDENCE BIBLE COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (D.Min.) Three-Year Program

Program Coordinator: Dr. Charles Stover, D.Min.

Purpose and Objectives: The Doctor of Ministry is a professional degree designed to integrate theological learning in the context of responsible ministry and service in the kingdom of God. Providing ministry leaders with further education and training is a key aspect of the program. Students focus their studies on one of these ministries areas; pastoral ministry, worship, church and society, and black church studies. The program culminates with a project and its accompanying dissertation. Upon completion of the program the successful student will be able to:

1. Articulate a theology of ministry that is biblically informed and critically engages alternative perspectives appropriate to the focus of their cohort.
2. Develop or significantly enhance ministry skills indicative of their ministry track.
3. Exhibit an advanced understanding of cross-cultural and intercultural issues and dynamics within their ministry setting, in nationally and globally.
4. Demonstrate proficiency to integrate insights from a variety of sources (including the social sciences and other disciplines) into a comprehensive strategy for personal, and congregational or organizational ministry.
5. Pursue spiritual growth in ways that result in personal maturity, stronger Christian character, and spiritual leadership.

VOCATIONAL OPTIONS

Vocational Options Because this program is designed for experienced ministry leaders, its students are already engaged in vocational ministry. The D.Min. degree is suitable for:

1. Senior and solo pastors;
2. Associate pastors and program staff
3. Church planters
4. Campus and parachurch ministry leaders
5. Community outreach/missions pastors & missionaries
6. Chaplains
7. Evangelists
8. Neighborhood/community development leaders
9. Ministry leaders

ADMISSION

1. Meet general admission requirements as listed in the “Admission and Financial Information” catalog section.
2. Applicants for admission must hold a master’s degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 grade point average (4.0 scale), which includes a minimum of 72 semester credits that represent broad-based work in theology and biblical studies.
3. Through the submission of a professional resume, demonstrate at least three years of ministry leadership experience subsequent to completion of the first graduate theological degree.
4. Applications can be submitted at any time.
5. Applicants holding master’s degrees related to the field of Divinity are not required to have supplemental courses beyond the D. Min. requirements in the catalog. However, those who hold a master’s degree outside of the field of Divinity are required to complete supplemental course work.
6. Through the submission of a professional resume, demonstrate at least three years of ministry leadership experience subsequent to completion of the first graduate theological degree.
7. Admission to the full D. Min. status is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the mandatory and elective courses and acceptance of the project proposal by student’s faculty advisor and the D.Min. Committee
8. Work for the degree may normally be completed in three years of extensive study including completion of doctoral project and dissertation. All students are required to complete the degree within five years after beginning course work.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete all general graduation requirements as listed in this section.
2. Complete required program 12 specialized elective credits.
3. Approval of the student portfolio at the midpoint and end of the program.
4. Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale).
5. Satisfactorily complete all required courses with a grade of C or higher.
6. Normally, complete the program within four years from the date of matriculation.

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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY- Program of Study

Specialized Electives (12)

MANDATORY COURSES (15 HRS)

- DMN 875-Strategies in Evangelism & Church Growth (3 QH)
- DMN 880- Leadership in the Context of Church and Community (3 QH)
- DMN 885- Communicating the Gospel in the Contemporary World (3 QH)
- DMN 890- Strategies in World Missions (3 QH)
- DMN 895- Research Methods (3 QH)

DMN 989 PROJECT IN MINISTRY (9 HRS)

The student must have completed the mandatory curriculum of 15 hours, maintained at least a 3.0 GPA, and received approval of the project by the D. Min Committee. He or she will do the doctoral project in their ministry context. Such a project would be in an area of interest where the student desires to gain further expertise to improve their ministry in measured ways. The project and its accompanying dissertation is not meant to be something that results in original research (Although it may open new frontiers of knowledge) such as you would have in a Ph. D Program. Rather, it is designed to be an endeavor which will enable the student to accomplish ministry goals that pertain to a particular problem or need in their context which they are trying to solve or meet. The degree must be completed within five years.

DMN 990 THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION (9 HRS)

The dissertation is a written version of the project. The student is obligated to the form and structure of the dissertation according to the seminary’s own Dissertation Manual primarily and subsequently, to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing) 8th Edition* by Kate Turabian. If the student does not defend their dissertation successfully by the end of the quarter for which they are registered for DMN 989-Dissertation, then they must register for DMN989B-Continuing Dissertation, each semester until they have defended their dissertation successfully.

**DOCTOR OF MINISTRY
(Suggested Sequence)**

YEAR 1			
FALL QUARTER			
	Specialized Electives		12QH
DMN 875	Strategies in Evangelism and Church		3
Total			3
WINTER QUARTER			
DMN 880	Leadership in the Context of Church and Community		3

Total			3
SPRING QUARTER			
DMN 885	Communicating the Gospel in the Contemporary World		3
Total			3
YEAR 2			
FALL QUARTER			
DMN 890	Strategies in World Missions		3
Total			3
WINTER QUARTER			
DMN 895	Research Methods		3
Total			3
SPRING QUARTER			
DMN 989	Project in Ministry		9
Total			9
YEAR 3			
FALL QUARTER			
DMN 990	Dissertation		9
Total			9
SPRING Quarter			
	Graduation		
<p>Note* If the student does not defend their dissertation successfully by the end of the quarter for which they are registered for DMN 989-Dissertation, then they must register for DMN989B-Continuing Dissertation, each semester until they have defended their dissertation successfully.</p>			

TOTAL QHs:45

SHs: 30