

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

The demands of ministry in the 21st century are considerable. More than ever, ministers are pressed to provide leadership that enables congregations to meet the needs of people in a rapidly changing world. As a result, many ministers sense a growing desire for additional seminary preparation beyond the master's degree. Logsdon Seminary is able to meet this need for advanced theological education through the Doctor of Ministry program.

Drawing on the foundation of the Master of Divinity, the Doctor of Ministry program offers ministers the opportunity to develop new insights and skills, to reflect deeply on the integration of theology and praxis in ministry, and to advance the cultivation of a healthy spiritual life.

Scripture, ministry leadership, worship, spiritual formation, and theology form the core of the curriculum, providing an opportunity for ministers to enhance their effectiveness immediately. A formal ministry project at the conclusion of the program offers a climactic experience of integrating ministerial leadership with theological education.

The Doctor of Ministry program at Logsdon Seminary is designed to enhance, not detract, from the time spent in ministry. The three-year program focuses on a hybrid model of seminars and supervision, guided by faculty mentors and experienced ministry practitioners, and coordinated in such a way as to allow students to continue active service in their current places of ministry.

Academically challenging, yet intensely practical, the Doctor of Ministry program at Logsdon Seminary provides any minister with the ideal setting for gaining the highest possible level of ministry preparation for a lifetime of service.



OUR MISSION

Logsdon Seminary is a part of Hardin-Simmons University, a church related institution of higher learning affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The purpose of Logsdon Seminary is to prepare servant leaders for Christian ministry through an academically challenging theological education centered on the Lordship of Christ, guided by the authority of Scripture, and focused on the global mission of the Church.

CURRICULUM & FACULTY

SEMINARY FACULTY

The Logsdon Seminary faculty bring to the Doctor of Ministry degree decades of experience teaching in doctoral programs across the country. The faculty have the reputation of engagement in the highest levels of academic study and deep personal involvement in a wide array of the practical ministries of the church. Out of this wealth of experience, they are able to create for DMin students an ideal learning environment for personal growth through the integration of theological disciplines with the effective praxis of ministry.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CURRICULUM ELEMENTS

The Doctor of Ministry Program at Logsdon Seminary is a three-year program designed to meet the needs of ministers serving in full or part-time capacities. The program includes 30-semester hours of coursework and a formal project.

SEMINARS

DMin courses are offered in a seminar format, allowing for a rich interaction of learning to occur between faculty and students. Integrative seminars employ team teaching, drawing from the three main divisions of the curriculum: Scripture, Theology (history, ethics, philosophy), and Practical Theology (Preaching, Missions, Evangelism, etc.). Focused seminars allow for concentrated study in a particular area of ministry.

SUPERVISION

Field supervisors are an integral part of the DMin program, providing weekly interaction, feedback, and guidance for DMin students in Supervisory Seminars. Supervisors are chosen from an approved pool of highly-trained, experienced practitioners within a variety of contexts.



FORMAL PROJECT

A formal project is required at the culmination of the DMin program and serves to synthesize research and application within a selected area of practical ministry. This formal ministry project requires implementation of proposals within a ministry context. Upon completion of research, implementation and writing, the project is presented and orally defended before the faculty.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Doctor of Ministry curriculum consists of eight seminars and a project, involving a total of 30 semester hours of work. Students move through four Supervisory Seminars in a cohort format, employing a combination of group interaction and individual learning under the leadership of a faculty professor and a field supervisor. In three Integrative Seminars students explore the intersection of practical theology with scripture, theology, and culture in a dialogical format on the main campus, typically in a one-week format. For the Focused Seminar each student engages a specially-designed course of study that meets his or her particular interests, including the option of Clinical Pastoral Education. Ideally, all coursework is completed within the first two years of the program; however, additional time may be arranged when necessary.

SUPERVISORY SEMINARS

Four seminars in two consecutive years

First Year:

Theological Integration of Student Formation and Ministry in the Church

Supervision One: Theological Formation – 3 hrs

Supervision Two: Spirituality in Ministry – 3 hrs

Second Year:

Application of Student Learning to Students' Respective Churches

Supervision Three: Worship and Mission – 3 hrs

Supervision Four: Church Structure, Administration, & Leadership – 3 hrs

INTEGRATED AND FOCUSED SEMINARS

Four seminars in a suggested timeframe of two years

Scripture and Practice – 3 hrs

Theology and Practice – 3 hrs

The Church and Culture – 3 hrs

Focused Seminar – 3 hrs

PROJECT

6 hrs – in a suggested timeframe of one year including presentation and defense

PREPARING SERVANT LEADERS FOR A LIFETIME OF MINISTRY

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM GOALS

- ◆ To build upon the foundational equipping of the Master of Divinity degree as well as substantial experience in ministry
- ◆ To increase understanding of the nature, purpose, and practice of ministry
- ◆ To improve skills for analyzing ministry settings and engaging in effective ministry
- ◆ To enhance the reflective integration of knowledge and skills in the practice of ministry
- ◆ To augment the spiritual development of the minister

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AND EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ Completion of the Master of Divinity Degree or its equivalent from an ATS accredited institution
- ◆ A minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a four-point scale
- ◆ A minimum of three years of significant ministry experience at the time of acceptance beyond the date when the Master of Divinity has been earned
- ◆ A competitive score on the verbal section of the GRE or MAT
- ◆ Four references attesting to an applicant's fitness for the program
- ◆ A personal essay reflecting on the applicant's background, values, and goals for growth in the DMin program
- ◆ A formal interview



FINANCIAL AID

Logsdon Seminary offers the highest level of graduate theological education at an affordable cost. All students at Logsdon receive a reduction in the Hardin-Simmons University graduate tuition rate. In addition, the Baptist General Convention of Texas provides financial assistance for qualified Baptist students. The cost per credit hour is significantly reduced as a result, making a Doctor of Ministry from Logsdon Seminary a very affordable investment in ministry preparation.



ACCREDITATION

The Doctor of Ministry Program at Logsdon Seminary is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools, the largest and most well-respected accrediting agency for seminaries in North America. ATS accreditation means students can be confident that a Doctor of Ministry degree from Logsdon Seminary has met the highest standards of academic quality and rigor, providing students an opportunity to earn a degree that is universally respected by both ministry and academic peers. For more information on ATS, contact them at: 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275, or online at www.ats.edu.

Applications are now being accepted for the Doctor of Ministry Program

For program information and academic questions, please contact us at 800-996-6348 or 325-670-5866 or logsdonseminary@hsutx.edu

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