Description of the Doctor of Ministry Program

The Doctor of Ministry is an advanced professional degree. The Doctor of Ministry program is designed for ministry professionals who desire to excel in the practice of ministry.

Participants in the program are afforded the opportunity for advanced education while remaining active in their local ministries. The Doctor of Ministry presupposes ministerial experience and a Master of Arts in Christian Education, a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies, or a Master of Divinity or their equivalents. Students holding the M.M. may build on this degree with additional course work until reaching the M.A.C.E., M.A.B.S., or M.Div. or their equivalencies. Students entering the program on the M.A.C.E., M.A.B.S., or M.Div. equivalency basis may remove deficiencies while enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program with special permission from the Administration.

While the Doctor of Ministry program is general in scope and intent, participants select one of the following focuses:

Department of Pastoral Studies

- **Pastoral Theology Focus**  
  - Pastoral Leadership Emphasis  
  - Expository Preaching Emphasis  
  - Pastoral Counseling Emphasis

- **Military Chaplaincy Focus**

Department of Discipleship Studies

- **Discipleship/Christian Education Focus**  
  - Local Church Emphasis  
  - Christian School Emphasis

- **Missions Focus**

Goals of the Doctor of Ministry Program

The goals for the Doctor of Ministry degree include “an advanced understanding of the nature and purposes of ministry, enhanced competencies in pastoral analysis and ministerial skills, the integration of these dimensions into the theologically reflective practice of ministry, new knowledge about the practice of ministry, and continued growth in spiritual maturity.”

The educational objectives of the Doctor of Ministry program are the following:

1. To develop the skills and abilities possessed by the students so that they will have a higher level of excellence, balance, and competence in the ministry.

2. To inculcate in them an awareness of the modern-day problems and issues in the church and in society and to equip them to meet those challenges.

3. To integrate Biblical and theological principles with practical and experimental factors, thus to provide them a true Biblical perspective in ministry.

**General Requirements for Entrance into the Doctor of Ministry Program**

The general requirements for entrance as a student into Temple Baptist Seminary apply to all masters and doctoral students. These are stated in the Admissions section of this catalog.

**Specific Requirements of the Doctor of Ministry Program**

Two levels of standing are in the Doctor of Ministry Program.

**Level One--Program Admission Status**

1. A Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent from a recognized seminary or graduate school (M.Div. equivalency may be achieved by completing an acceptable master's degree and at least 72 applicable credit hours).

2. A graduate grade point average of 3.00 or above or demonstration of superior ability and potential for success in doctoral work.

3. Active ministry experience.

4. Three recommendations.

5. Approval of the Administration.

**Level Two--Degree Candidacy Status**

1. Completion of 26 semester hours of applicable courses with a minimum grade of B in each course, including DMIN 8972 Research Design and Procedures.

2. Presentation of an approved field project proposal

3. Maintaining continuous enrollment by taking at least one course per year until completion of 26 credit hours of approved doctoral courses and enrolling in DMIN 8982 and/or 8992 every semester after that until the project is completed and approved.

4. Making progress toward the completion of Doctor of Ministry requirements.

**Program Design**

The Doctor of Ministry degree is designed to enhance the practice of Christian ministry for individuals who hold the Master of Divinity degree and who have engaged in the practice of Christian ministry. Students in the program are expected to develop an advanced understanding of the nature and purposes of ministry, enhanced competencies in pastoral analysis and ministerial skills, greater integration of these dimensions into the theologically reflective practice of ministry, new knowledge about the practice of ministry, and continued growth in spiritual maturity.
Academic Requirements

The Doctor of Ministry degree program comprises two main components, coursework and ministry project and report.

Coursework
The first component in the Doctor of Ministry degree program is a series of core and focus-related coursework. Students generally take the seminars in sequence, depending on the track in which the student is enrolled, but are urged to begin with DMIN 8972 Research Design and Methods. These classes are offered on campus and online. DMIN 8972 Research Design and Methods, however, is the exception being offered only on campus. To view the schedule and descriptions of seminars, visit the Seminary website.

Ministry Project and Report
The second component of the Doctor of Ministry program is a ministry intervention project and the report on that project. Students at Temple Baptist Seminary have carried out a wide variety of ministry projects, including training church members to provide care for grieving persons, teaching church members about the history of the Christian church, training church members to practice spiritual disciplines and creating structures to help new church members become involved in a church’s life.

Students are encouraged to begin to explore ideas and to consult with ministry peers, faculty advisors, and the Doctor of Ministry director about ideas for a ministry project early in their Doctor of Ministry program. In choosing their ministry projects, students should consider their own gifts and skills, as well as the needs of the people among whom they will minister.

General Program Requirements

1. Doctor of Ministry Degree Core ................................................................. 14
2. Focus ........................................................................................................... 12
3. Doctoral project ........................................................................................... 4
   Total ............................................................................................................... 30

1. Core ............................................................................................................. 14
   DMIN 8003 The Ministry Leader (3)
   DMIN 8013 Philosophy and Practice of Ministry (3)
   DMIN 8023 Dimensions in Church Ministry (3)
   DMIN 8223 Contemporary Challenges to the Christian World View (3)
   DMIN 8972 Research Design and Procedure (2)

2. Focus ............................................................................................................ 12
   Pastoral Theology Focus
   * Pastoral Leadership Emphasis (12 Hrs)
     DMIN 8313 Preaching and Teaching the Old Testament (3)
     DMIN 8323 Preaching and Teaching the New Testament (3)
     DMIN 8453 Advanced Pastoral Counseling Seminar (3)
     DMIN 8759 Major-Related Directed Self-Study (3)

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Pastoral Theology Focus
  * Expository Preaching Emphasis (12 Hrs)
    DMIN 8313 Preaching and Teaching the Old Testament (3)
    DMIN 8323 Preaching and Teaching the New Testament (3)
    DMIN 8343 Developing the Relevant Expository Message (3)
  One of the Following:
    DMIN 8303 Effective Pulpit Communication (3)
    DMIN 8353 Advanced Pastoral Seminar (3)
* Students in this emphasis must have had at least one year of Hebrew and one year of Greek or LANG 5103 and LANG 5003 or their equivalents.

* Pastoral Counseling Emphasis (12 Hrs)
  DMIN 8403 Strategic Pastoral Counseling (3)
  DMIN 8413 Counseling Ethics and Administration (3)
  DMIN 8423 Marriage & Family Counseling (3)
  One of the Following:
    DMIN 8453 Advanced Pastoral Counseling Seminar (3)
    PAST 73233 Educational Psychology for Biblical Communication (3)

Military Chaplaincy Focus (12 Hrs)
  DMIN 8613 Introduction to the Chaplaincy – Military (3)
  DMIN 8623 Military Chaplain Ministry - Garrison Operations (3)
  DMIN 8633 Military Chaplain Ministry - Transition to War (3)
  DMIN 8643 Military Chaplain Ministry - Combat & Re-deployment (3)

Missions Focus (12 Hrs)
  DMIN 8533 Contemporary Theological Issues in Missions (3)
  DMIN 8543 Contemporary Strategic Issues in Missions (3)
  DMIN 8573 Advanced Seminar in Missions (3)
  DMIN 8759 Major-Related Directed Self-Study (3)

Christian Education Focus
  * Local Church Emphasis (12 Hrs)
    CHMN 7603 Innovations in Church Ministries (3)
    CHMN 7613 The C.E. Director in the Local Church (3)
    CHMN 7829 Advanced Seminar for Christian Educators (3)
    DMIN 8759 Major-Related Directed Self-Study (3)

  * Christian School Emphasis (12 Hrs)
    CHMN 7813 Christian School Administration (3)
    CHMN 7823 Curriculum and Biblical Integration (3)
    CHMN 7853 Issues in Christian School Administration (3)
    One of the Following:
      CHMN 7829 Advanced Seminar for Christian Educators (3)
      CHMN 7863 Administration in the Bible College (3)
      DMIN 8759 Major-Related Directed Self-Study (3)

3. DMIN 8982 and 8992 Doctoral Project.................................................................4

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