

Doctor of Ministry with Ministry Skills

Major Focus

This curriculum will help degree candidates rethink the way they do ministry. They will have new critical and analytical thinking skills to be successful in a variety of ministry areas. Each candidate will learn to refocus God's calling and to maximize their gifts for greater ministry effectiveness. During their studies, a healthy and balanced approach to the variety of biblical and spiritual disciplines will emerge, and their relationship with Christ will grow.

Courses and Textbooks

DMMS801: Pastoral Leadership Skills

Select Two Textbooks from the List Below.

Transforming Leadership: New Vision for a Church in Mission... Norma Cook Everist and Craig L. Nesson

Listening for the Soul: Pastoral Care and Spiritual Direction... Jean Stairs

Advanced Strategic Planning: A New Model for Church and Ministry Leaders... Aubrey Malphurs

The Dynamics of Church Finance: Ministry Dynamics for a New Century... James D. Berkley

Saving Souls, Serving Society: Understanding the Faith Factor in Church-Based Social Ministry... Heidi Rolland Unruh and Ronald J. Sider

DMMS 802: Biblical Preaching I

Select Two Textbooks from the List Below.

Reaching Generation Next: Effective Evangelism in Today's Culture... Lewis A. Drummond

Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture: The Application of Biblical Theology to Expository Preaching... Graeme Goldsworthy

Preaching to a Postmodern World: A Guide to Reaching Twenty-first Century Listeners... Graham Johnston

Preaching Christ from the Old Testament: A Contemporary Hermeneutical Model... Sidney Greidanus

Preaching and Teaching with Imagination: The Quest for Biblical Ministry... Warren W. Wiersbe

DMMS 803: Apologetics for 21st Century Culture

Select Two Textbooks from the List Below.

Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message... Ravi Zacharias

Unshakeable Foundations: Contemporary Answers to Crucial Questions about the Christian Faith... Peter Bocchino and Norman L. Geisler

The End of Reason: A Response to the New Atheists... Ravi Zacharias and Lee Strobel

Apologetics in the New Age: A Christian Critique of Pantheism... David K. Clark and Norman L. Geisler

DMMS 804: Ethics in Christian Counseling

Required Textbook

Christian Counseling Ethics: A Handbook... Randolph Sanders

The Treatment of Bipolar Disorder in Pastoral Counseling: Community and Silence... David Welton and Harold G Koenig

Alternative Textbook

Competent Christian Counseling, Volume One; Foundations and Practice of Compassionate Soul Care... Timothy Clinton and George Ohlschlager

DMMS 805: Biblical Preaching II

Select Two Textbooks from the List Below.

The Art & Craft of Biblical Preaching: A Comprehensive Resource for Today's Communicators... Haddon W. Robinson and Craig Brian Larson

The Study of Evangelism: Exploring a Missional Practice of the Church... Paul Wesley Chilcote and Lacey C. Warner

Preaching with Variety: How to Re-create the Dynamics of Biblical Genres (Preaching with Series)... Jeffery Arthurs and Haddon W. Robinson

MMMS 806: Strategy and Planning in Ministry

Choose the First Required Textbook from the Two Titles Listed Below.

Church and Ministry Strategic Planning: From Concept to Success... William Winston, Robert E. Stevens, David L. Loudon, and R. Henry Migliore

Designing Worship Together: Models and Strategies for Worship Planning... Norma Dewaal Malefyt, Howard Vanderwell, and Robert Webber

Choose the Second Required Textbook from the Two Titles Below.

Non-Profit Strategy Revolution: Real Time Strategic Planning in a Rapid Response World... David La Piana

Planning Strategies for World Evangelism... Edward R. Dayton

MMMS 807: Communication Skills in Ministry

Choose the First Required Textbook from the Three Titles Below.

Communication and Conflict Management: In Churches and Christian Organizations... Kenneth O. Gangel and Samuel L. Canine

Communicating for a Change: Seven Keys to Irresistible Communication... Andy Stanley and Lane Jones

Authentic Communication: Christian Speech Engaging Culture... Tim Muehlhoff and Todd V. Lewis and Jones

Choose the Second Required Textbook from the Two Titles Below.

Understanding Evangelical Media: The Changing Face of Christian Communication... Quentin J. Shultze and Robert H. Woods

Paradigm Shifts in Christian Witness: Insights from Anthropology, Communication, and Spiritual Power... Charles E. Van Engen, J. Dudley Woodberry, and Darrell Whiteman

MMMS 808: Financial Skills for the 21st Century Minister

Select Two Textbooks from the List Below.

Money Matters in Church: A Practical Guide for Leaders... Steve Stroope and Aubrey Malphurs

Make Your Church's Money Work: Achieving Financial Integrity in Your Congregation... John Temple

How to Increase Giving in Your Church: A Practical Guide to the Sensitive Task of Raising Money for Your Church or Ministry... George Barna

Ministry and Money: A Practical Guide for Pastors... Janet Jamieson and Philip Jamieson