

Students should complete the language prerequisites before beginning the program. If the prerequisites are not completed before the beginning of the second semester, the student is not permitted to continue his/her work in the program.

Applicants must also complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Admission Procedure. Applicants must submit those items specified in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin on p. 44, and the general Seminary admission requirements on p. 301. In addition, they should submit transcripts of MDiv course work.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the scholarship standards in the Graduate Programs Academic Information section of this bulletin (p. 48), students must fulfill the following requirements for the MTh degree program:

- Complete a minimum of 32 credits (including 8 credits for thesis but not including language prerequisites) with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above.
- Take GSEM620 (to be done the first time the course is offered after enrollment in the program if the student has not previously taken this course or its equivalent).
- Select a major area of emphasis from among those listed above and complete 16 credits in that area.
- Select a cognate area from those listed above and complete 6–8 credits in this area which supports the area of emphasis.
- Take sufficient electives, if needed, to complete the 32-credit program.
- Take a 5- to 8-hour written comprehensive examination either toward the end of the student's final semester of course work or during the semester immediately following completion of course work. Normally, this examination is prepared by two faculty members from the department offering the area of emphasis (two sections totaling 75% of the examination) and a faculty member from the department offering the cognate area (one section constituting 25% of the examination). These examiners are appointed by the emphasis-area department; notification of the appointment is sent to the Program Director.
- Complete a 8-credit thesis.

If the student fails to pass the comprehensive examination, he/she is allowed to rewrite the section or sections failed (with new questions) after adequate time for preparation as determined by the chair of the department offering the major area of emphasis in consultation with the examiners. A failed examination may be retaken once. If the student fails a second time, he/she is asked to withdraw from the program.

A report of the examination results (and of any retake results) is sent by the department chair in the major area of emphasis to the MTh Program Director who notifies the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies of these results.

Thesis Requirements. All students seeking an MTh degree must

- Complete a 8-credit thesis. The program director, upon recommendation of the department chair in the student's major area of emphasis, appoints an MTh thesis committee consisting of two faculty members, normally from the department in the area of emphasis, to guide the student's preparation of a thesis. One of the two committee members is designated as the student's faculty adviser.
- Give evidence in the preparation of the thesis that he/she is capable of independent research using adequate sources. The thesis should demonstrate the student's skill and maturity of judgment in the discovery, organization, and evaluation of evidence. Procedures for writing a thesis are outlined under

requirements for the MDiv degree in the Thesis Option section (p. 308). However, MTh students should register for 3 or more credits each term for at least two terms.

- Conduct a successful thesis defense. The defense is conducted by an MTh thesis defense committee consisting of the two faculty members who guided the thesis and another faculty member appointed by the Program Director. The director presides without voting at the defense. If the thesis is found unacceptable, the department of the student's major concentration decides whether the student may write another thesis.

The defense of the thesis occurs no later than four weeks before the degree is to be conferred. No defense is scheduled during the final two weeks of a term or when the university is not in session.

Students who have not finished the thesis after completing 8 thesis credits must register each semester for GSEM668 (no credit) until the thesis is defended successfully and final approval is received.

Transfer Credits. A maximum of 6 semester credits of post-MDiv academic work with grades of B (3.00) or above may be transferred from an approved seminary or university if applicable to the student's program. Transfer is authorized by the department offering the student's major area of emphasis with the approval of the MTh Program Director.

Time Limit. A student must complete the requirements for the MTh degree within six years of first enrolling in the program, regardless of admission classification. Transfer credits for which advanced standing is requested must have been taken within this time limit.

DMIN: DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Skip Bell, *Director*

Purpose

The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry program is to provide structured, rigorous, advanced training in ministry by equipping participants with needed competencies and leadership skills. The program engages qualified people in an active learning environment so that they may reach advanced levels of ministry effectiveness.

Program Description

The Doctor of Ministry program offers a professional degree for people who seek advanced competencies in evangelism, ministry and mission. The program enables people to grow within the framework of a Biblical model of leadership and to develop an Adventist perspective of evangelism, ministry, and mission. The program is normally offered to professionals who are in active ministry.

Course modules include teaching intensives at various North American and international sites. Concentrations are offered in Chaplaincy, Evangelism and Church Growth, Family Ministry, Global Mission Leadership, Leadership, Preaching, Urban Ministries, and Youth Ministry.

Doctor of Ministry modules include intensive sessions taught by faculty teams that include seminary professors with appropriate academic expertise and professionals from the field with experience in evangelism, ministry and mission. Teaching methodology combines appropriate methods and technology with collegial dialogue to encourage a creative learning environment.

Teachers aim to facilitate balanced spiritual, professional, and

theological formation that affects the individual, the family, and the ministry group. The program promotes theological reflection upon ministry and teaches methods of analysis and evaluation of church and community.

Participants will develop a deeper personal experience, which will lead to a strengthening of their family life as well as a greater commitment to ministry. They will learn to evaluate ministerial practices through theological reflection, which will help them establish a Biblical model of servant leadership. Graduates from the program will be able to use appropriate tools to analyze the needs of their churches and communities and develop and implement appropriate and effective ministries.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Ministry program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent.
- Have a GPA of at least 3.25.
- Demonstrate high professional and personal potential for the gospel ministry.
- Have an equivalent of at least three years of experience in ministry subsequent to the first graduate theological degree.
- Supply satisfactory recommendations.
- Submit a paper the student has previously completed during their educational experience which demonstrates the ability to research and write an adequate report related to a ministerial problem or issue.
- Applicants from other faiths may be accepted into the program, provided they meet admissions requirements and represent high moral integrity with a character, lifestyle, and spiritual commitment reflective of the ideals of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Admission Procedure. Applicants must submit those items specified in the Graduate Program's section of this bulletin on p. 44 and in the Seminary admission requirements on pp. 301–302.

Advanced Standing

Students who have done post-MDiv work in an accredited theological seminary or graduate institution may be eligible to receive advanced standing provided the work is appropriate to the DMin program. The DMin committee determines the appropriateness and relevancy of such credits. Credits accepted for advanced standing may not exceed 25 percent of the total credits required for the DMin degree. Credits earned toward an MA or an MDiv degree are not considered for advanced standing.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the requirements listed in the Academic Policies section on p. 303, students must fulfill the following course requirements for the DMin degree:

General Requirements

GSEM730 (2 cr), GSEM790 (2 cr) and 796 (6 cr);
GSEM706 (6 cr)

Other course modules

TOTAL CREDITS for the DMin Degree

16

16

32

Students must also complete a graduate-level research course prior to GSEM790. This requirement is waived if the student can give evidence of having taken such a course prior to beginning

the DMin program. A research course is available by distance education for DMin students to meet this prerequisite. Participants in the Family Ministry concentration satisfy this requirement with RLED776-01 Topics: Program Evaluation.

Financial Plans

Financial plans are available to assist NAD employees, international students, cohort groups, and others. Contact the DMin office for further information.

Modes of Delivery

In order to make the program accessible to church professionals, the professor contact portions of course modules are offered as intensives on campus and at off-campus sites.

Residency Requirements

In order to fulfill residency requirements, extension students must take GSEM706 (6 cr) and GSEM790 at the Andrews University campus or at any other Andrews ATS-Association of Theological Schools-approved site.

Project Requirements

- Students should take GSEM790 (2 cr) in preparation for their project. A statement explaining the philosophy of a Doctor of Ministry project, including guidelines for its development and preparation, is provided when GSEM790 is taken. A project proposal must be submitted and accepted.
- The project, which should address a problem or issue directly relevant to the ministry of the contemporary church, is developed and implemented in an in-ministry situation. The approach of the project is normally developmental with formative evaluation. The project should be developed in close consultation with the student's adviser. Regulations governing the style and format of project documents are found in *Andrews University Standards for Written Work*.
- During the semesters immediately following the completion of the curricular program, candidates must register for GSEM796 (2–6 credits) until the full six credits are completed. If the project is still in progress after this time, the student must register for GSEM788 DMin Project Continuation (0 cr) and pay the doctoral project continuation fee for each additional semester.
- Students must pass an oral defense of the project designed to test the candidate's ability to integrate learning and the practice of ministry. The defense must be successfully completed no later than four weeks prior to graduation.
- In certain cases, a dissertation may be substituted for a project with permission from the Doctor of Ministry office.

Time Limits. DMin students must complete the course work and successfully defend the project within six years from the time they begin course work. In special circumstances and upon written request, extensions may be granted for no more than an additional year. Tuition for continuation equal to one doctoral credit will be charged per semester in an extension year. When participants are dropped due to time limits course module credits are preserved, but project/dissertation courses must be retaken at cost should readmission be granted.

Project Process. For a detailed outline of the DMin project process, students should see the Guidelines for the Doctor of Ministry Project. A copy of this document is provided to students

during the GSEM790 intensive. It can also be obtained from the Doctor of Ministry web-site, www.doctorofministry.com, or the DMin office.

Academic Supervision. The director of the DMin program acts as curriculum supervisor. The project adviser and a second reader are chosen by the student in consultation with the program director. Students should work closely with these persons to complete the project.

Course Modules (Credits)

See inside front cover for symbol code.

All modules include teaching intensives which are generally two weeks in length.

The Project

GSEM730 (2)

Field Research for Ministry

Develops capacity to utilize information in the practice of ministry—congregational studies, systems analysis, program evaluation, structured experiments, surveys, focus groups, participant observer, action-research and community assessments. Introduces research process, ethics and design applied to practical issues of leading a congregation or faith-based organization.

GSEM788 (0)

DMin Project Continuation

GSEM790 (2)

DMin Project Proposal

This seminar introduces students to the project process. Students receive assistance in forming their project proposal. They learn to apply research techniques and tools as well as develop an effective work plan for completion of their project. Prerequisite: a graduate-level research methods course.

GSEM796 (2–6)

DMin Project

A DMin project is a professional project that integrates theological reflection, scholarly research and practical ministry. The project contributes to the enhancement of ministry in the church.

GSEM789 (0)

DMin Program Continuation

CHMN/MSSN/RLED797 (1–8)

Independent Study

Available to students by permission of the program committee. Repeatable. A minimum of one meeting per month with the supervising professor is generally required. May be graded S/U.

Required Module

GSEM706 (6)

Spiritual and Theological Foundations for Ministry

This is a foundational course required of all DMin students. The course builds the spiritual and theological basis from which the practice of ministry and mission grows and seeks to lead the student into a self reflection and examination of life and belief.

Chaplaincy Concentration

CHMN775 (5)

Foundations of Chaplaincy Ministry

This module examines the biblical and theological foundations for chaplaincy ministry. Participants investigate the history and development of chaplaincy ministry, and its role and function within the mission and life of the church and community. Issues in ethics are explored to advance professional development. Emphasis on personal spiritual formation continues.

CHMN785 (5)

Professional Formation in Chaplaincy Ministry

The primary emphasis in this module is the professional development of the chaplain. Participants examine leadership issues specific to chaplaincy, management, human development, group theory, and organizational theory. Specific modalities of ministry in the chaplaincy context will be examined and developed. Emphasis on personal spiritual formation continues.

Evangelism and Church Growth Concentration

CHMN719 (8)

Perspectives on Mission and Church Growth Strategies

Provides both reflection and practice in the following areas: 1) the core value and centrality of evangelism in the mission and life of the local church; 2) ministry-embedded integration of theory and practice within a biblical theology of mission; 3) creating a culture of year-around evangelism; 4) church growth principles; 5) reaching secular people; and 6) church planting as evangelistic strategy.

CHMN767 (5–8)

Formation of Evangelistic Strategy

Provides reflection and experience in contemporary personal, public and media evangelistic strategies as a basis for effective evangelistic leadership. Biblical and practical foundations for empowering people for ministry as well as factors and strategies for cell church growth are experienced. Prerequisite: CHMN719.

CHMN789 (5)

The Missional Church

This module identifies and examines the characteristics of the missional church. Biblical faithfulness in discipleship and mission priority on the congregational level are further examined. Case studies of successful contemporary models for local church evangelism are explored.

Family Ministry Concentration

Each summer two intensives in the Family Ministry Concentration are offered. Prerequisite: EDPC520 Psychological Development Life Span or equivalent.

RLED720 (1)

Professional Development

Represents student initiatives for developing sustainable habits of scholarship including such things as attendance at special-event lectures, and professional conferences, reading professional or scholarly journals; and maintaining a vibrant spiritual life. DG will be given until experiences are documented in the portfolio. Graded S/U.

RLED755 (3)

Families in Society

Introduces the scope and mission of family life education and

develops teaching methodologies and behavioral change strategies for use within congregations and within training seminars for growing healthy families.

RLED757 (3)
Family Law and Public Policy

Gives strategies for families to manage their resources effectively over the life cycle and identifies social problems affecting families and how family law and public policies relate to social services for children and families. Explains techniques for locating resources and services available for families and how the pastor and the congregation can interface with local community organizations.

RLED758 (3)
Internal Dynamics of Families

A study of family systems theory with applications to issues in internal family dynamics and in congregational dynamics as a family system.

RLED759 (3)
Human Sexuality

An understanding of, and skill development in, interpersonal relationships and a study of human social conduct with emphasis on congregational life. Also studies the physiological, psychological, emotional, and social aspects of human sexuality and the Christian response to this God-given gift. Examines measures for preventing clergy sexual misconduct.

RLED779 (3)
Parenting Education and Guidance

Study of the concepts and challenges in the parent/child relationship including parenting in diverse family types and the changing roles of parents throughout the life cycle. Includes an emphasis on the spiritual nurture of children and a focus on the special challenges of raising pastors' children.

Global Mission Leadership Concentration

MSSN731, 732 (4, 4)
Cultural and Religious Analysis—I, II

Using the tools of cultural, social, anthropological, and religious analysis, the specific context and challenges of mission will be analyzed and described in depth as a basis for ministry. The course content will be shaped to fit the local situation.

MSSN741, 742 (4, 4)
Mission Strategy Development—I, II

Study of contemporary strategies of mission as a framework and foundation for the development and practice of a ministry plan within specific contexts. The role of leadership in this process is highlighted. Prerequisite: MSSN731, 732 Cultural and Religious Analysis.

Leadership Concentration

CHMN747 (6–8)
Christian Leadership

This module investigates principles, challenges, and practices of Christian leadership, emphasizing issues that make leadership in the context of church, education, and non-profit service organizations unique. Participants examine leadership theory and literature, consider a theology of leadership, and build the foundation for leadership development in the context of professional ministry.

CHMN760 (5)
Advanced Leadership Competencies

Participants continue personal and theological reflection with integration of leadership principles. Systems thinking, organizational culture, human development theory, and ecclesiology are investigated in the context of the church and leadership. The module also pursues further development and application of essential leadership practices. Practical focus on administrative skills is initiated. Prerequisite: CHMN747 Leadership and Church Management.

CHMN780 (5)
Leading and Managing the Church Organization

Local churches and denominational organizations present challenges in leadership, management, and administration. This module combines previous requirements of the Doctor of Ministry leadership concentration and an informed foundation of biblical leadership to help participants excel in skills like strategic planning, managing change, team building, resource management, communication, mentoring, and coaching.

Preaching Concentration

CHMN716 (8)
The Preacher, the Audience, and the Message

Participants will develop a personal, biblically-based theology of preaching in the worship context. Use of scripture, communication theory, and cognitive psychology to connect with contemporary audiences, and diverse preaching expressions, including the African-American context, will be examined. Includes advanced work in the area of hermeneutics, exposition, contextualization, and sermon design.

CHMN748 (8)
Preaching the Literary Forms of the Bible

Expository preaching from biblical literature, including historical narrative, NT epistles, and apocalyptic. Special attention will be given to the skill of storytelling and how stories are processed by the human mind. Includes collegial and inductive reflection on the unique challenges and opportunities within epistolary and apocalyptic biblical texts.

Urban Ministries Concentration

CHMN768 (6)
Church Growth and Discipleship in the Urban Church

An examination of principles for expanding the Kingdom of God in the Urban context. The course aspires to help students develop and assess church growth and disciple-making strategies for the urban church from a biblical perspective. A study of effective historical and contemporary models is included.

CHMN769 (5)
Strategic Planning for Urban Community Development

An in-depth study of key biblical, theological and contemporary models of community-based ministry. Includes an emphasis on strategic planning that leads to economic and community development.

CHMN776 (5)
Leadership and Urban Church Management

This course investigates principles, challenges, and practices of Christian leadership with special emphasis on the urban context. It includes theological reflection, exploration of leadership roles, and practical insights.

Youth Ministry Concentration

CHMN720 (8)

Current Issues in Youth Ministry

Students study selected issues in youth ministry, including adolescent development, inter-generational relationships, and the challenges of popular culture. They learn how to build specialized approaches in youth ministry.

CHMN765 (8)

Advanced Youth Ministry

Builds on a knowledge of youth ministry and advances to a greater depth in such areas as: understanding youth culture, youth evangelism, small groups in youth ministry, sexuality, music, camping, short-term mission, writing grant proposals, risk management, contemporary worship, and reclaiming missing youth.

Other Modules

CHMN710 (8)

Worship and Music

A study of theological principles that undergird worship practices, a review and evaluation of worship forms from the traditional to the contemporary, and the integration of theology, preaching, worship, and music in a way that leads to worship renewal.

CHMN717 (8)

Family Counseling

This course offers advanced theoretical and practical knowledge regarding pastoral counseling. Students will learn specialized approaches for church members and their families in various stages of their family life cycle. Participants also examine and construct new family ministries.

CHMN718 (8)

Designing and Delivering Effective Sermons

An advanced course in the theology, theory and practice of contemporary preaching aimed at helping experienced pastors present more effective sermons as part of worship. A “lab” component offers opportunities to try new ideas and approaches under the guidance of skilled practitioners.

CHMN749 (8)

Equipping and Motivating Church Members for Ministry

A study of biblical and practical teachings on the equipping and motivation of church members for ministry. The church becomes a powerful soul-winning agency when the people of God are empowered to minister according to their gifts and calling.

CHMN768 (8)

Evangelism and Church Growth in the African American Church

An examination of how African Americans have historically understood and conducted the task of expanding the kingdom of God on earth. The course aspires to help students develop and assess church growth strategies for the local church from a biblical perspective.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jane Thayer, *Director*

Mission

The Religious Education Programs prepare men and women to fulfill the teaching and discipling mandates of the gospel commission.

Programs

The Religious Education programs offer studies leading to the Master of Arts: Religious Education degree and the Doctor of Philosophy: Religious Education degree. Each graduate will have a biblical knowledge base, an understanding of Christian spiritual formation and nurture, and pedagogical skills to serve in a specialized area of teaching ministry for either the formal (school) or non-formal (church and family) setting.

Religious Education prepares pastor-teachers for leadership roles in settings where religious, moral, and spiritual nurture and growth are primary concerns. Areas of emphasis in Religious Education include family life education, campus spiritual leadership, denominational certification for secondary religion teaching, and other options customized by the student in consultation with an advisor. The degrees are interdisciplinary and offer students considerable flexibility.

In addition to the area of emphasis, the core requirements focus on facilitating the development of the graduate as a

- Christian Apologist
- Pastor-Teacher
- Servant Leader
- Researcher-Evaluator
- Maturing Christian
- Lifelong Scholar

Each of these roles includes a number of competencies that serve as guides to students in designing their programs of study and choosing their courses. Students generally meet the competencies by satisfactorily completing the core courses and emphasis area electives in the curriculum. A course plan is prepared by each student in consultation with his or her Religious Education advisor. Well-planned choices help to ensure that competencies are met at levels appropriate for the degree pursued.

All course work is campus-based and supported by online resources. Where warranted, students may fulfill program competencies by portfolio presentation.

Graduate Certificates in Religious Education

A graduate certificate program is a focused group of courses with a coherent knowledge base in one field of specialization. Courses in the program are regular graduate courses that are fully transferable into Religious Education graduate degree programs and other graduate programs where these courses are applicable to the curriculum.

Religious Education currently offers two graduate certificate programs: Family Life Education (13 credits) and Campus Spiritual Leadership (12 credits). The successful completion of a graduate certificate program is noted on the student’s transcript.

Admission and Time Limit

The same admission processes and standards are used in graduate certificate programs as are used for master’s degree programs, except that the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is not required. The

time for completion of a certificate program should not exceed five years from first enrollment.

Delivery System

Courses in the graduate certificate programs of Religious Education are given as one-week intensives on a three-year rotation basis. Each intensive requires pre-campus and post-campus work. Pre-campus syllabi are posted on our website (www.andrews.edu/SEM/reled) in February of each year. At least two courses are offered back-to-back each summer, allowing a student to complete the sequence over a three-summer period.

Graduate Certificate: Family Life Education

The Graduate Certificate in the Family Life Education program is designed for pastors, family ministries directors, and lay leaders who want to help foster or support strong families in the church and in the community through teaching in seminars, classes, small groups, and retreats.

Courses are offered in summer intensives on a rotating basis. At least two courses are offered each summer, allowing a student to complete the sequence over a two-summer period.

Prerequisites

- Bachelor's degree
- EDPC520 Psychological Development: Life Span or equivalent
- Positive character references

Graduate Certificate in Family Life Education Requirements

RLED610, 620, 655, 658. Select one elective from RLED657, 659, 676: CHMN518 or 643

TOTAL credits for Graduate Certificate—12

Graduate Certificate: Campus Spiritual Leadership

The Graduate Certificate in Campus Spiritual Leadership has two tracks for training leaders in campus ministry: Christian campus track and public campus track.

The Christian campus track is designed for professionals with responsibility for some aspect of the spiritual growth of students on Seventh-day Adventist academy or college campuses. Typical applicants would be campus pastors, chaplains, Bible teachers, principals, residence hall deans, and student services directors. The public campus track is designed for those who want to minister to Seventh-day Adventist students and others attending public universities. Typical applicants would be pastors, youth pastors, and lay leaders of youth and young adult ministries in local congregations near public universities. Either track would be appropriate for conference and union youth and education directors.

The curriculum for this graduate certificate was developed with the assistance of the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries and Education Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Education and Youth Ministry Departments of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Courses will be taught by faculty in the Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs of the Seminary and professionals who are currently involved in campus ministry on Christian and public campuses.

Prerequisites

- Bachelor's degree
- 12 undergraduate/graduate credits in religion/theology
- A course in human growth and development that includes adolescent development

Graduate Certificate in Campus Spiritual Leadership Requirements

CHMN657; RLED665 or 667; RLED610, 668, 669, 676

TOTAL credits for Graduate Certificate—12

MA: Religious Education

The Master of Arts: Religious Education is an interdisciplinary academic program that prepares both professional and lay pastor-teachers for leadership roles in settings where religious, moral, and spiritual nurture and growth are primary concerns. Areas of emphasis in Religious Education include family life education, campus spiritual leadership, denominational certification for secondary religion teaching, and other options customized by the student in consultation with an advisor. Students electing to obtain a graduate certificate in family life education or campus spiritual leadership can continue to study and obtain all of the requirements for the MA: Religious Education either by coming to campus full time or by coming to campus for summer intensives that require pre-campus and post-campus academic work. Other options require campus residency throughout the program.

The curriculum is designed with core courses and a selected area of emphasis.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the MA: Religious Education program is based on the student's meeting the general admission requirements for all graduate students as given on p. 44, and the general Seminary admission requirements on p. 301. Official scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test taken within the last five years should be submitted to the Graduate Records Office. Applicants must also complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Prerequisites

Applicants must have 16 undergraduate or graduate religion credits and 8 undergraduate or graduate education/religious education credits from an accredited college or university. The emphasis in secondary teaching has additional prerequisites. See p. 257.

Degree Requirements

The MA: Religious Education is awarded upon successful completion of 32 credits of interdisciplinary study in the Seminary and the School of Education. To remain in regular standing, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00. Courses with a grade below B- do not count toward the degree.

Advancement to Candidacy. In the semester that students will complete 50 percent of their course work, they must apply for advancement to candidacy. See p. 51 of the Graduate Programs Academic Information section of this bulletin.

Comprehensive Examinations. Candidates for the MA degree must pass comprehensive examinations given at the published times. The one-day exams entail a three-hour morning session and a two-hour afternoon session.

Time Limits. A student must complete the requirements for the MA: Religious Education degree and graduate within six years of first enrolling in the program regardless of admission classification.

Curriculum Requirements

Curriculum Framework and Courses

Christian Apologist—5–7

EDFN500 and one or two electives by advisement

Pastor-Teacher—5

EDCI565 or RLED610; psychology elective

Servant Leader—3

RLED605

Researcher-Evaluator—3–6

EDRM505, plus optional elective EDRM611*

Maturing Christian—2

GSEM541

Lifelong Scholar—0

RLED620

Emphasis Area—12–14

TOTAL credits for MA in Religious Education—32

* For prospective students in the Religious Education doctoral program; this course increases the total credits of the MA degree from 32 to 33 credits.

Denominational Certification for Teaching Religion/Bible on the Secondary Level

SDA Basic Certificate. The Basic Teaching Certificate for denominational certification may be issued to the candidate presenting a Verification of Eligibility form from Andrews University. The certificate is issued by the union conference where the candidate takes his/her first teaching position. Candidates who want to earn a master's level degree and obtain denominational teaching certification may take the MA: Religious Education with an emphasis in secondary teaching.

Prerequisites

- Equivalent of an undergraduate major in religion or another teaching major with a religion minor; as an alternative take extra graduate courses in religion and theology;
- Religion courses in Spirit of Prophecy, Seventh-day Adventist doctrines, and Seventh-day Adventist church history;
- Membership and good standing in the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Passing score on Michigan test of basic competencies.

Curriculum Requirements for the MA in Religious Education with an Emphasis in Secondary Teaching

Curriculum Framework and Courses

Christian Apologist—3

EDFN500

Pastor-Teacher—10

CHMN547, EDCI565, EDPC514, EDTE459

Servant Leader—3

RLED605

Researcher-Evaluator—3

EDRM505

Maturing Christian—2

GSEM541

Lifelong Scholar—2

EDCI676, RLED620

Emphasis in Religion—9

Electives by advisement

Sub-total of credits for the MA: Religious Education—32

Additional courses for denominational secondary teaching certification:

EDPC525, EDTE417, 424, 480, 487, 588—20 credits

TOTAL for MA: Religious Education & Denominational Secondary Teaching Certification—52

More information about preparing to teach religion on the secondary level is available from the Religious Education Office in the Seminary and the University Certification Office in the School of Education.

PhD: Religious Education

The PhD in Religious Education prepares men and women to be scholars, teachers and researchers in specialized teaching and discipling ministries of the Church. All candidates further develop the core competencies of a religious educator and select an area of specialization for intense study and research using research methodologies of the social sciences.

Areas of Specialization

- Christian formation and discipleship
- Theological curriculum and instruction
- Customized: See Curricula for Concentrations, p. 321.

Graduates with a PhD in Religious Education are prepared to serve the church in teaching and leadership ministries focused on the family, the church, and the school and to investigate contemporary religious education issues using social sciences research methodologies.

Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the general admission requirements listed in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin, p. 44, and in the Seminary Admission Requirements, p. 301, applicants must

- Hold an MDiv degree; or an MA in Religion; or an MA degree in education or related area plus have 28 credits in religion (16 of which may be on the undergraduate level).
- Have 16 undergraduate or graduate credits in education.
- Show promise of future usefulness to church and society.
- Demonstrate the ability to handle doctoral-level work in English. See proficiency standards in the Graduate Programs Admission section, p. 45.
- Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Time to Apply. While early applications are recommended, the deadlines for application to the PhD in Religious Education program are as follows:

- For North American students: three months prior to the anticipated starting date.
- For non-North American students: four months prior to the anticipated starting date.

Items to Submit. In addition to submitting the items required of all graduate students (see pp. 302–304), applicants to the PhD in Religious Education must also submit

- A 600-word statement of purpose, which includes their mission statement, a description of the journey that created a desire to pursue doctoral studies, and a vision of the professional accomplishments they foresee.
- A 200-300 word description of their area of interest for dissertation research and an explanation of this choice.
- A significant research paper (term paper, thesis, or research report), normally written during the master’s level studies. This paper should give evidence of the applicant’s ability to carry out research and to present the results and conclusions of such work in standard English and in an acceptable style.

Prerequisites. Students entering the PhD in Religious Education program should have a foundation in research methods of education and psychology and in basic statistics as evidenced by EDRM505 and EDRM611 or their equivalents. As part of the conceptual framework for the religious education program, EDFN500 and RLED605 are required.

Curriculum Requirements

Curriculum Framework and Courses

Christian Apologist—5–6

RLED850; elective

Pastor-Teacher—5–6

Electives in psychology, curriculum and instruction

Servant Leader—3

Elective in administration or leadership

Researcher-Evaluator—24

RLED887; two research methodologies;

Dissertation: GSEM854 or EDRM880, RLED995

Maturing Christian—2

RLED830

Lifelong Scholar—3

RLED878, 950

Area of Concentration—21

Electives

TOTAL credits for PhD in Religious Education—64

Research Requirements

Research is a major component of the PhD in Religious Education program.

RLED887 is required.

Students should also select two methodologies from the following list:

EDRM612 (Statistics II)

EDRM613 (Statistics III)

EDRM604 (Survey and scale development)

EDRM605 (Qualitative research) or EDCI636 (Program Evaluation)

HIST650 (Historical methodology) or GSEM850 (Documentary methods)

At the time of their topic approval, students must show competency in the proposed research methodologies of their dissertation research. The research project from the course RLED887 Applied Research is an appropriate way to demonstrate this competency.

Curricula for Concentrations

Courses for the concentrations and, in one case, language prerequisites for a concentration are listed below:

- Christian formation and discipleship: CHIS682, EDPC616, MSSN830, NTST930, OTST620, RLED830, THST814
- Theological curriculum and instruction
Language prerequisite: If your area of study requires a language, complete the course Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II or pass a qualifying examination at the intermediate level in Greek or Hebrew.
18 credits from one of the following areas or 9 credits from two of the following areas: Biblical archaeology & history of antiquity, Christian ministry, church history, mission, New Testament, Old Testament, theology and Christian philosophy; elective (3 credits).
- Customized: Students may design an individualized course of study if three conditions are met.
 - Academic area must be appropriate to Religious Education
 - Graduate courses on the topic must be available at Andrews University
 - Andrews University faculty with expertise in the topic must be available for advising.

Options for the customized course of study may include such areas as family life education, campus spiritual leadership, education history, church music, worship.

General Requirements

- All course work taken at the Seminary should be at the 600-, 800-, or 900-levels; course work taken at the School of Education should be appropriate for doctoral level study.
- At least 51% of the student’s course work should be designed specifically for doctoral students.
- A minimum of 32 credits in approved on-campus doctoral course work (not including the dissertation) must be completed after acceptance into the doctoral program at Andrews University.
- Students must earn a 3.00 cumulative GPA for all course work in the degree program.
- Students must establish residency by taking a full-time load (8 credits) for two of three consecutive terms (semester or summer).
- Students must pass the comprehensive examination.
- Students must write and defend a dissertation.

Time Limits. All degree requirements must be completed within ten years of first registration for Andrews University doctoral course work. All course work and the comprehensive examination must be completed within six years of first registration. The dissertation must be completed within five years after passing the comprehensive examination. (The student who takes six years to complete course work and pass the comprehensive exam will be allowed four years to complete the dissertation.)

Full-time Status. For students who have not completed all courses for the degree, full-time status requires one of the following options:

- Registering for 8 or more credits of course work and/or dissertation and/or internship.
 - Registering for 4 or more credits of dissertation.
- For students who have completed all requirements for the degree except the dissertation, full-time status requires all of the following:
- Registering for one or more credits of dissertation or dissertation continuation;
 - Doing “full-time” work on the dissertation or internship as defined by at least 24 hours a week or 720 hours per year and confirmation of same by the dissertation chair.

Bulletin Requirements. A student may choose to meet the requirements of any bulletin in force after acceptance into the

doctoral program, as long as he/she maintains active status. If a break of enrollment occurs and the student is placed on inactive status, he/she must meet the requirements of a bulletin in effect after enrollment resumes.

Progression Through the Program

Course Plan. Upon acceptance into the program, the student is assigned an advisor by the director of the program. Normally within the first 16 credits of study the student and advisor prepare a course plan for completing the degree requirements. This course plan must be approved by the Religious Education Office.

Comprehensive Examination. Early in their program, students should obtain a copy of the *Comprehensive Examination Guidelines* from the Religious Education Office.

All prerequisites and regular course requirements of 48 credits or more must be completed before the student sits for the comprehensive examination. The comprehensive examination consists of eight sections, one of which may be given in a take-home format, one of which may be a portfolio presentation, and six of which must be written in a supervised environment. The examination occurs on the dates published in the academic calendar for School of Education doctoral comprehensive examinations. See also the Seminary calendar on p. 298.

Formal application to take the comprehensive examination should be made by the beginning of the semester preceding the semester the student intends to take the examination.

For more detailed information regarding the comprehensive examination, see the *Religious Education Doctoral Handbook*.

Advancement to Candidacy. Students should apply for advancement to degree candidacy when they apply to take comprehensive examinations and after they have

- completed all prerequisites;
- removed any English language deficiency;
- completed all course requirements or are registered for them;
- removed all deferred grades, except in RLED950.

The student is advanced to degree candidacy after passing the comprehensive examination.

Dissertation Committee. Before the student registers for EDRM880 Dissertation Proposal Development, the student—in consultation with his/her advisor—selects a tentative dissertation topic. The program director, in consultation with the student and advisor then appoints a faculty member knowledgeable about the tentative topic to chair the student's dissertation committee. The student and the chair of the student's committee select two additional faculty members to complete the student's committee so that all three members may contribute to the development of the proposal. All three members of this dissertation committee must approve the proposal before it is presented to the Religious Education Doctoral Committee.

Any proposed changes to the dissertation committee are subject to the approval of the Religious Education Doctoral Committee.

At least six weeks before the dissertation defense, the director, in consultation with the dean of the Seminary, appoints an external examiner. This person is normally a scholar from another graduate institution.

Dissertation Proposal. No later than the last semester of course work, students must submit to the Religious Education Doctoral Committee a final proposal that is approved by their dissertation committee. Students defend their proposal before the Religious Education Doctoral Committee.

Two types of proposals are acceptable:

1. A 10–15 page overview of the major elements of the dissertation.

2. The first three chapters in tentative form.

Either format must include a clear statement of the problem, the research question/s, a preliminary survey of relevant literature, and the research methodology.

Dissertation Preparation. The dissertation prepared by the PhD candidate must

- Make an original contribution to scholarship
- Demonstrate the candidate's competence for independent research
- Reveal the candidate's familiarity with and proficiency in handling the relevant literature
- Present a logically organized, methodologically sound, and readable account of the investigation, findings, conclusions, and implications of the study.

See the *Religious Education Doctoral Handbook* for more information on dissertation preparation.

Oral Defense of the Dissertation. The candidate must orally defend his/her dissertation. The defense date is set and announced by the director of the Religious Education Program at least two weeks before the defense. No defenses are scheduled during the final two weeks of a term or during the interim between semesters.

See the *Religious Education Doctoral Handbook* for more information on the oral defense of the dissertation.

Courses

(Credits)

See inside front cover for symbol code.

RLED605 (2–3)

Leadership in Religious Education

A survey of the literature of religious education—with a focus on contemporary theoretical approaches to religious education—and an introduction to practical procedures needed to implement, maintain, and evaluate religious/spiritual learning in the church and the school. Identical to the 3-credit CHMN554.

RLED610 (2–3)

Teaching for Discipleship

How to plan learning events that focus on behavior and value changes; includes curriculum development, instructional strategies, and assessment techniques. Same as CHMN610.

RLED615 (2–3)

The Pastor and the Adventist School

From the perspective of the pastor's role, deals with issues related to goals and long range planning, organizational structures, financial resources, church growth, teacher-parent relationships, and promotion and support of Adventist education.

RLED620 (0)

Professional Development

Represents student initiatives for developing sustainable habits of scholarship including such things as attendance at special-event lectures, and professional conferences, reading professional or scholarly journals; and maintaining a vibrant spiritual life. DG will be given until experiences are documented in the portfolio. Graded S/U.

- RLED635** (2) **Theological and Ethical Foundations of Family Life**
Explores theological foundations and ethical responsibilities in marriage and family life, and reviews ethical guidelines for the family life education profession.
- RLED648** (1–3) **Workshop: _____**
Examination and application of principles and strategies in Religious Education. Repeatable. Graded S/U.
- RLED655** (2–3) **Families in Society**
An introduction to family life education, and the mission and methods of family ministry within a leadership perspective.
- RLED657** (2–3) **Family Law and Public Policy**
An introduction which identifies social problems affecting families and how family law and public policies relate to social services for children and families.
- RLED658** (2–3) **Internal Dynamics of Families**
A study of family systems theory and its application to key issues in internal family dynamics.
- RLED659** (2–3) **Human Sexuality**
An understanding of the development and maintenance of interpersonal relationships, and a study of the character and quality of human social conduct. Also examines human sexuality, and studies the physiological, psychological, emotional, and social aspects of sexual development and the Christian's response to this God-given gift.
- RLED665** (2) **Ministry on the Christian Campus**
Examines the vision and goals of campus ministry on a Christian campus and explores ways to accomplish these goals through development of student leadership and through organization, activities, and relationships.
- RLED667** (2) **Ministry on the Public Campus**
Examines the vision and goals of campus ministry on a public campus and explores ways to accomplish these goals by creating an active network of Christian students, enlisting the support of local SDA members and the conference in building a ministry on area campuses, and by working within university policies.
- RLED668** (2) **Mobilizing Student Leaders**
Deals with selecting and training students to be campus leaders for peer ministry and for organizing service and evangelistic activities. Utilizes small group methodologies.
- RLED669** (2) **Reaching the Secular Mind**
Describes popular world views found on college and university campuses and explores strategies for Christian young adults to maintain their own faith and to present the gospel in terms understandable to the unchurched.
- RLED676** (1–3) **Topics: _____**
Repeatable with different topics in Religious Education. Themes to be covered are announced in the current class schedule.
- RLED678** (3) **Spiritual Nurture of Children**
Examines the spiritual needs of children and young adolescents in light of their physical, social, emotional, and mental development. Considers the nurturing roles of parents and teachers in the church and day school. Practicum activity required.
- RLED680** (1–6) **Field Practicum: _____**
Supervised religious education experience in a chosen area of specialty, such as family life, children's ministry, youth ministry, academy or college teaching, editorial work, etc. Permission of advisor and practicum supervisor required. Graded S/U.
- RLED690** (1–3) **Independent Study: _____**
Repeatable to 6 credits. Permission of advisor and instructor required.
- RLED699** (1–3) **Thesis**
Master's thesis. Must be repeated to 3 credits.
- RLED830** (2–3) **Fostering Spiritual Growth**
Examines the contributions of theology and the social sciences to a theoretical understanding of spiritual formation and considers strategies to foster spiritual growth.
- RLED840** (2–3) **Nonformal Learning**
A philosophical and practical approach toward teaching strategies in diverse cultural, non-formal settings, with consideration given to literacy issues in the developing world.
- RLED850** (2–3) **Theological Foundations of Christian Teaching**
Theistic assumptions and biblical models that identify the goals of Christian education and undergird a theology of Christian teaching applicable to discipling and teaching ministries.
- RLED870** (1–4) **Advanced Studies: _____**
Individual or group studies in a specific area of Religious Education designed to meet program competencies. Repeatable. By permission of advisor and teacher.
- RLED878** (0) **Advanced Professional Development**
Represents student initiatives for developing sustainable habits of scholarship and includes such things as attendance at colloquia, special-event lectures, and professional conferences; presentation of scholarly papers; and teaching experiences. DG will be given until experiences are documented in the portfolio. Graded S/U.
- RLED885** (1–5) **Field Practicum: _____**
Supervised religious education experience for the advanced student's chosen area of specialty such as family life, children's ministry, youth ministry, academy or college teaching, editorial work, etc. Permission of advisor and practicum supervisor required. Graded S/U.

RLED887 (1–3)***Applied Research***

A planned research experience dealing with a research question in the area of religious education. The student identifies a faculty member or members with whom to engage in collaborative research study leading to joint publication. Project to support competency for dissertation research.

RLED888 (0)***Dissertation Continuation***

Reduced tuition rate applies.

RLED930 (3)***Seminar: _____***

Group study in specified areas of Religious Education. Repeatable. Permission of advisor and instructor required.

RLED950 (3)***Synthesis in Religious Education***

A capstone course in which students synthesize their learning experiences by examining the structure of the discipline, discussing its major issues, and reviewing its basic literature. Students make portfolio presentations to demonstrate program competencies. Preferably taken in the last semester of course work.

RLED995 (1–14)***Doctoral Dissertation***

To be repeated to 14 credits. Doctoral candidates may not register for a cumulative total of more than 4 dissertation credits until they have successfully completed EDRM880 or GSEM854, and their dissertation proposal has been approved.

PHD: RELIGION

Roy E. Gane, *Director*

The primary purpose of advanced academic studies leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): Religion is to provide teacher-scholars for church-operated colleges, seminaries, and universities around the world.

Areas of Specialization

When students apply to the PhD program in religion, they select one of the five areas of study listed below.

Adventist Studies

- Development of Adventist lifestyle
- Development of Adventist theology
- General Adventist history

Mission and Ministry Studies

- Analysis of the biblical, theological, and theoretical basis for mission
- Evangelization of unreached people groups and urban population clusters
- Leadership development for effective church growth, ministry, and evangelistic strategies
- Study of world religions and secularism as a missionary challenge

New Testament Studies

- Development of the Christian community in the first and second centuries
- History and praxis of New Testament exegesis and theology
- Intertestamental and New Testament backgrounds, both Jewish and Graeco-Roman
- Language and literature: text, canon, critical introduction, and cognate literature

Old Testament Studies

- Archaeology (periods, sites, methodology, and field work) and history of antiquity (Israel and the Ancient Near Eastern languages)
- Exegesis and theology (Pentateuch, Former Prophets, Latter Prophets, and Writings)
- Language and literature (Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic, other Ancient Near Eastern languages); LXX and other ancient versions; and Old Testament textual criticism

Theological Studies

- Christian ethics, comprising ethical theory and professional, personal, and social ethics
- Historical theology, examining the origin and development of theological concepts and trends
- Philosophical theology
- Systematic theology, embracing the biblical and doctrinal aspects of theological thought

Each area of study is to be supplemented with one of the cognate areas listed below. The cognate should be taken in a department other than the one which offers the major area of study

- Biblical Archaeology and History of Antiquity
- Christian Ministry
- Church History
- Mission
- New Testament
- Old Testament
- Religious Education
- Theology
- Area selected from approved graduate-level studies

The PhD: Religion program builds on expertise and training developed in approved master's programs. It provides individuals equipped with skills and methods appropriate to genuine scholarship to do original and responsible research, and it promotes the proficient application of sound and valid principles of biblical interpretation and historic research. It seeks to acquaint students with the Judeo-Christian heritage and the findings of various branches of biblical scholarship and communicates the religious and ethical values of that heritage as found in Scripture and as understood by conservative Christians, in general, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in particular.

This degree is not earned by the mere accumulation of credits. It is conferred on those who demonstrate clearly and capably, in written and oral form, mature and independent research marked by discriminating analysis, careful evaluation of evidence and theories, and sound interpretation of available data. The PhD degree in religion is granted only to those who give evidence that they have attained a distinctly superior level of expertise in their principal area of study and the supplementary cognate area.

Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements listed in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin, p. 44, and in the Seminary Admission Requirements, p. 301. Admission

to the PhD: Religion program is granted by the PhD-ThD Committee to applicants who

- Hold either an MDiv degree (or its equivalent), or an MA in Religion (or its equivalent) from an approved seminary or university.
- Show high promise of future usefulness to church and society.
- Read proficiently in ancient and/or modern languages as noted in the Language Requirements.
- Demonstrate the ability to handle doctoral-level work in English. (Standardized proficiency examinations are required of all PhD Religion program applicants whose native language is other than English.
- Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.
- Have 16 prerequisite credits in the chosen area of concentration.
- Depending upon the applicant's academic background, the PhD-ThD Committee may also require proficiency examination(s) before granting admission to the doctoral program.
- GSEM620 Research Methods

Time to Apply. Students who desire to enter the program in the autumn semester (the normal entry point) must submit all application materials to the Graduate Admissions Office by the preceding January 15. A few students may be allowed to enter the program in the summer, in which case the application materials must reach the Graduate Admissions Office by the preceding November 30.

The number of students who may enter the program in any given year is limited. Rarely is one accepted who applies late. Students whose applications are late may request consideration for admission in the following year.

Items to Submit. In addition to submitting the items required of all graduate students (see pp. 302–304), applicants to the PhD-ThD programs must also submit

- A 600-word personal statement including their philosophical perspective, the relationship of their religious concerns and ethical values to their responsibilities as a teacher-scholar and leader in the church; an indication of what they hope to accomplish professionally in the future, and a topic for the dissertation if one has already been selected.
- A significant research paper (term paper or thesis), normally written during MA, MDiv, or MTh studies. This paper should show the applicant's ability to carry out research and to present the results and conclusions of such work with correct English and acceptable style. The topic of this paper should coincide with the area of concentration.

Language Requirements. Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in specified foreign languages either by passing language proficiency examinations or by taking specified graduate level language courses at Andrews University and earning a grade of B or above. The foreign language requirements in the different areas of study are listed below.

Adventist Studies and Mission and Ministry Studies

Intermediate OT Hebrew, Intermediate NT Greek, and a relevant modern language other than English (approved by the student's adviser and by the director of the PhD-ThD Programs)

New Testament Studies

Advanced NT Greek (may be satisfied with NTST696, NTST678, NTST608), Hebrew, French, and German

Old Testament Studies

Advanced OT Hebrew, Intermediate NT Greek, and two of the following languages: German, French, and Modern Hebrew

(Additional language requirements for OT Concentration are listed below under **Residence and Course Requirements**).

Theological Studies

Intermediate OT Hebrew, Intermediate NT Greek, German, and French

In addition to these prerequisite language requirements, students in any of the five areas may be asked to study other languages. When warranted by the student's program, a language substitution may be made with the approval of the student's adviser and the director of the PhD and ThD Programs.

Schedule of Meeting Language Proficiency Requirements. All language prerequisites should be completed before entrance. If that is not possible, a student may be required to take a reduced load in order to meet these prerequisites.

Language prerequisites should be met by the end of the third consecutive semester (including summer). Students who fail to meet this schedule take no further regular course work until all the language prerequisites are met.

Because of the amount of study and the length of time usually required in developing prerequisite-level skill in languages, the PhD-ThD Committee may require applicants to clear all the language prerequisites prior to admission.

Residence and Course Requirements

In order to fulfill the requirements for the PhD degree, students must

- Register for 64 credits by completing 48 or more credits of formal course work in lecture, seminars, directed-study, and reading courses, and 16 credits for the dissertation:

Area of Concentration	33
Old Testament concentration also includes OTST654 Biblical Aramaic and OTST660 Reading in Septuagint, for all specialties other than Archaeology.	
Area of Cognate	9
Required Courses	6
GSEM854 (3), GSEM860 (3)	
Dissertation	16
GSEM995 (1-12)	

(Students with recognized teaching experience at the college/graduate level may substitute a course in either the emphasis or cognate area for GSEM860.)

- Take all course work at the Seminary on the 600-, 800-, and 900-levels; some non-seminary graduate courses may be approved by the student's doctoral committee in consultation with the director of the PhD-ThD Programs.
- Take a minimum of 24 credits on the 800- and 900-levels.
- Take at least two semesters of formal full-time study consecutively and in residence, registering each semester for no fewer than 8 credits. At least 33 credits (of the minimum 48) must be taken in residence.
- Attend doctoral colloquia and chapels.
- Achieve grades of B (3.00) or better and/or S. Only such grades are credited toward the degree requirements. No more than 15 credits in courses with an S grade may be applied to the program requirements. If the student falls below this minimum GPA, he/she is placed on probation and can regain regular standing only after having again reached the B (3.00) level. The matriculation of a student with grades below B may be terminated after review by the PhD-ThD Committee. A student who accumulates more than three grades of C or below (2.00 or below) is not allowed to continue in the doctoral program.

Full Course Load. The full-time load for regular course work is 8 to 12 credits per semester. Sponsored students are expected to take a full load of 12 credits per semester. On-campus students who are registered for GSEM880, GSEM888 (non-credit courses) are counted as full-time students. Students who register for GSEM995 are also counted as full-time students if the work is done on campus and they register for 16 credits in a maximum of six semesters.

Advanced Standing. Advanced standing may be considered for students having done post-MA or post-MDiv work in an approved institution if the work is appropriate to the program, carries grades of B or above, and was taken within six years of the students' first enrollment in the PhD Program. Credits earned towards the MA and MDiv degrees are not considered for advanced standing. The director of the PhD and ThD Programs determines the appropriateness, relevance, and currency of the work considered for advanced standing and authorizes such standing. In no case is the minimum residence requirement reduced.

Time Limits. The student is required to finish all regular course work and take the comprehensive examinations within 5 years of his/her registration in the program, and to complete all degree requirements within ten years of initial registration. Also, students must complete the dissertation including a formal defense and subsequent revisions in five years or less from the time the comprehensive examinations are passed. The two 5-year time limits apply independently, so that shortening one does not lengthen the other.

Comprehensive Examinations and Doctoral Dissertation Student Advisory Committees

- The director of the PhD-ThD Program may designate the chair of the department offering the student's major area of emphasis to advise the student on the selection of appropriate course work.
- Not later than the student's registration for GSEM854 Dissertation Proposal Seminar, the student, in consultation with the chair of the department offering the student's area of emphasis, selects a tentative dissertation topic. Then the program director, in consultation with the student and the chair of the department, appoints as the chair of the student's dissertation committee, a faculty member in agreement with the tentative topic. Within the first four weeks of the Dissertation Proposal Seminar, the student and the chair of the student's committee collaborate on the selection of two additional faculty members to complete the student's committee, so that, where possible, all three members may contribute to the development of the proposal. All three members of the student's dissertation committee must approve the proposal before it is presented to the PhD-ThD Committee.
- Normally, the student's advisory committee continues as the student's dissertation committee. Any proposed changes to the advisory or dissertation committee are subject to the approval of the PhD-ThD Committee.
- At least six weeks before the time of the dissertation defense, the director, in consultation with the dean of the Seminary, appoints two additional members to the dissertation committee. One of these persons, the "external examiner," is normally a scholar from another graduate institution.

Comprehensive Examinations

- Students are required to pass five comprehensive examinations within a four-week period designated by the PhD-ThD Committee. Four of these examinations are set in the principal area of study and one in the cognate area. At least three of these

examinations must be in the regular written format, each lasting between four and six hours. Upon the agreement of the chair of the student's committee, the student, and the examiner, and with the concurrence of the student's committee and the director of the PhD-ThD Programs, up to two of the five examinations may be given in the oral and/or take-home formats. The oral format requires the participation of a three-member examination committee and lasts one to two hours. The take-home format requires the writing of a research paper on an assigned topic in a maximum of a week, and in accordance with the style required in Andrews University Standards for Written Work. Use of the take-home examination option is the prerogative of the examiner.

- The regular course requirements of 48 credits or more must be completed before the student can sit for comprehensive examinations.
- The student registers for GSEM880 (0 credit) for one semester immediately after completing all regular course work. This course is considered full-time. A small fee is charged (see the Financial Information section of the bulletin).
- The comprehensive examinations determine a student's proficiency in the major area of emphasis and in the cognate area of study, familiarity with pertinent literature, and skills in criticism and analysis.
- The PhD-ThD Committee, in consultation with the student's advisory committee, appoints the faculty members who are to prepare the comprehensive examinations.
- Each comprehensive examination is evaluated by the faculty member who prepares it, normally within seven days after each examination is administered.
- When all examination results are received, the director informs the student of the results.
- Each student may be required to sit for an oral examination (not to exceed two hours) at the request of the respective examiner(s) as part of the comprehensive examination. The program director, or designee, arranges for and chairs the oral-examination session which is normally conducted within 14 days of the last written examination. The program director informs the student of the results of the oral examination.
- Students who fail two comprehensive examinations may sit for them again no sooner than three months and no later than nine months after the initial examination was taken. Students who fail three or more comprehensive examinations must repeat all five after an interval of 6 to 12 months from the time the examinations were initially taken.
- Examinations may be retaken once. If students fail a second time, they are required to withdraw from the doctoral program.
- Students are expected to demonstrate greater proficiency in the major area of emphasis than in their cognate area.
- When students make formal application to take the comprehensive examinations (by the beginning of the semester preceding the examinations), they are thereby also applying for advancement to candidacy, which is granted subject to passing all comprehensive examinations. A form for making this double application is available at the PhD-ThD office.

Dissertation Proposal

Students are expected to receive approval from their advisers for a dissertation topic by the end of their second semester (or by the time they have earned 24 credits). At this point, they are required to register for GSEM854 (3 credits), and, under the guidance of the instructor and the chair of their advisory committee, write a tentative proposal (or pre-proposal). During the following semesters, but normally not later than the last semester of course work, students must submit a final proposal that is approved by

their advisory committee and prepared for submission to the PhD-ThD Committee.

When a student's proposal is evaluated by the PhD-ThD Committee, both the student and the adviser must be present. Proposals should be no longer than 16 pages (6–12 is preferred). The proposal must contain the preliminary bibliography, a clear statement of the problem, a description of the methodology to be employed, a basic survey of pertinent literature, and a list of tentative chapter and subsection titles.

After the dissertation proposal is approved and the student has passed the comprehensive examinations, he/she registers in GSEM995 for 1-12 dissertation credits for up to six semesters. If the dissertation is not completed after all 16 dissertation credits have been taken, the candidate must register for GSEM888 every semester, and pay a continuation fee (\$80.00) until the dissertation is completed and the defense held, or until the time limit has expired.

Dissertation Preparation

- The dissertation prepared by the PhD candidate must
 1. Make an original contribution to scholarship.
 2. Demonstrate the candidate's competence to do independent research.
 3. Reveal the candidate's familiarity with and proficiency in handling the pertinent literature.
 4. Present a logically organized, methodologically sound, and readable account of the investigation, findings, conclusions, and implications of the study.
- The chair of the student's dissertation committee or, in special cases, a committee member designated by the PhD-ThD Committee, guides the candidate in the research.
- The other members of the student's dissertation committee are available for consultation, and the chair of that committee (the dissertation adviser) involves them in the dissertation progress on a chapter-by-chapter and/or section-by-section basis. As a rule, a calendar year or more is needed for dissertation preparation.
- The dissertation is normally written in SBL style and is typically between 250 and 300 pages in length.
- When the dissertation is complete, but prior to submitting it to the dissertation secretary for checking, a 350-word abstract is to be prepared. It should contain a statement of the problem, the nature of the research (or procedure used), and a very brief chapter-by-chapter summary of the work done and conclusions reached. A statement (in a sentence or two) giving an appraisal of the overall contribution of the dissertation is also appropriate. This abstract must be succinct, clear, cohesive, logical, and sufficiently informative to give an overview of the dissertation to scholars in the field and readers somewhat unfamiliar with the topic.
- The candidate must submit six copies of the dissertation and the 350-word abstract to the director of the PhD-ThD Programs for distribution to the examiners and the presiding chair of the oral dissertation defense. These six copies must be in the hands of the director at least six weeks prior to the defense and at least 10 weeks prior to conferral of the degree.

Oral Defense of Dissertation

Candidates' oral defense of their dissertations normally cannot be made earlier than 12 months after passing the comprehensive examinations. The date is set and announced by the director of the PhD-ThD programs at least two weeks before the defense. No defenses are scheduled during the final two weeks of a term or during the interim between regular semesters.

The defense date is announced publicly. Upon prior notification to the chair of the examining committee, any member of the faculty of the university may attend the defense as an observer. Candidates, upon a request to the director of the PhD-ThD Programs, may invite guests to attend the oral defense as observers. The oral defense is conducted by the dissertation defense committee and is held no later than four weeks before the degree is conferred.

The director of the PhD-ThD Programs or designee presides at the defense and the executive session without voting. Questions at the oral defense concentrate on the dissertation and its area of investigation. The questions are designed to test the candidate's ability to defend the concepts and data of the dissertation and to examine significant related material. The candidate should demonstrate an understanding of the larger context in which his/her dissertation lies. Normally, two hours are scheduled for the oral defense. Committee members read the dissertation and bring written questions to the examination. As the examination process progresses, other questions may arise.

To pass the oral defense, candidates must receive a vote of approval from at least four of the five examiners. The committee votes in one of the following ways:

1. Acceptance of the dissertation as presented
2. Acceptance of the dissertation subject to minor revisions
3. Acceptance of the dissertation subject to major revisions
4. Rejection of the dissertation.

After a successful defense, the director of the PhD-ThD Programs recommends to the dean of the Theological Seminary and the dean of the School of Graduate Studies that the PhD degree be conferred on the candidate. The Seminary dean in turn presents the candidate's name to the Seminary faculty for approval.

When a dissertation is accepted with the proviso that minor or major revisions be made, the student's adviser supervises the revision. As soon as the chair finds revision to be satisfactory, he/she recommends the candidate to the director of the PhD-ThD Programs for the conferral of the degree. Then the steps prescribed in the paragraph above are followed. Normally, rejection of a dissertation terminates the student's doctoral candidacy, but the PhD-ThD Committee may consider whether to allow him/her to prepare and submit another dissertation and what specific requirements would apply (including possible further course work and additional comprehensive examinations).

After the defense. After the defense

- The student makes all corrections.
- As soon as possible, but no later than two weeks before graduation, the student submits a complete corrected copy of the dissertation to the School of Graduate Studies via the dissertation secretary for approval to duplicate. At that time any changes made after the defense should be pointed out.
- After the dissertation secretary gives approval to duplicate, the student has two options:
 - Option 1.** The dissertation secretary arranges for duplicating with Andrews University LithoTech, and the student's account is billed. At this point, the dissertation secretary submits the *Notification of Dissertation Completion* form to the Records Office and the student's dissertation process is complete.
 - Option 2.** The student personally arranges for duplicating the dissertation. Doctoral students must have three unbound copies made to show to the dissertation secretary (and to receive a *Completion* form) and to deliver to the Library Director's office. An additional unbound copy must be given to the dissertation secretary to be processed for microfilming.
- The deadline for dissertations to be turned in to the Library is no later than Wednesday, a week and a half before graduation. Strict adherence to this deadline is essential or graduation is postponed.

THD: DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

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The primary purpose of advanced academic studies leading to the Doctor of Theology (ThD) degree is to provide teacher-scholars in the fields of biblical and theological studies for the Seventh-day Adventist Church—primarily its institutions of higher learning (colleges, seminaries, universities) around the world. This academic degree meets the need of individuals in areas of the world where a ThD is the preferred academic degree. The normal doctorate in religion is the PhD.

The ThD program is offered in two fields of study with areas of emphasis as listed below.

Biblical Studies

Archaeology and History
Exegesis and Theology
Languages and Literature

Theological Studies

Historical Theology
Systematic Theology

A minimum of two academic years of formal course work or not fewer than four semesters of full-time study at 12 credits per semester is required. This ordinarily amounts to a minimum of 48 credits of formal course work, 24 credits of which must consist of seminars, directed study, and reading courses. The student chooses a field of study and within that field an area of emphasis to which at least one-half (24 credits) of the course work is devoted. The student also chooses a supporting area, normally in another field, to which at least one-fourth (12 credits) of the course work is devoted. Of the remaining 12 credits of course work, 3 are used in GSEM854, 3 in GSEM920, and 3 in GSEM860. Students with recognized experience as college/graduate-level teachers may devote the latter 3 credits (together with the other remaining 3 credits) to the area of emphasis or to the supporting area.

Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements listed in the Graduate Programs Admission section of the bulletin, p. 44, and in the Seminary Admission Requirements, p. 301. Admission to the ThD in religion program is granted by the PhD-ThD Committee to applicants who also have the following qualifications:

- Applicants must hold an MDiv degree or its equivalent from an approved seminary or university. For students holding the MTh degree, the minimum requirement of course work may be lowered, subject to the discretion of the PhD-ThD Committee.
- Applicants must show high promise of future usefulness to church and society.
- Applicants must have a reading proficiency in ancient and modern languages as noted in the Language Requirements section below.

Depending upon the applicant's academic background, the PhD-ThD Committee may also require proficiency examination(s) before granting admission to the doctoral program.

Admission Procedure. The admission procedure for the ThD degree program is the same as for the PhD degree program. See p. 324. Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Language Requirements. Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in specified foreign languages in one of these ways:

- By passing language proficiency examinations.
- By taking specified language courses (e.g., advanced courses in Hebrew and Greek and FREN502 and GRMN502) at Andrews University and earning a grade of B or above.

If French or German (or a substitute modern language) is the student's native language and he/she has been using it regularly, no special demonstration of competency is required for that language.

Foreign language requirements for the ThD program are listed below.

Biblical Languages: Advanced Level Hebrew and Greek

Modern Languages: Reading knowledge of French and German

Language Substitution. Another foreign language may be substituted for either French or German (but not for both) if the substitution is warranted by the student's program. The student must submit a petition requesting the substitution and indicating a rationale for the request. The student's adviser and the program director must approve the petition before the substitution is allowed.

Because of the amount of study and the length of time usually required in developing prerequisite-level skill in languages, the PhD-ThD Committee may require applicants to clear all the language prerequisites prior to admission.

Advanced Standing. A limited amount of post-MDiv work may be accepted by transfer from an accredited institution (including Andrews University), giving the student an advanced standing in the ThD program. The credits must be applicable to the ThD requirements and have been earned within a six-year period before the student's enrollment in the program. All transfer courses must carry a grade of B or better. An Andrews University MTh student whose credits have been earned within this time frame may yield up to 16 credits of advanced standing in the ThD program. The work must be applicable and not have been taken as an entrance requirement because of deficiency in GPA and/or course work). Transfer credit is granted at the discretion of the director of PhD-ThD Programs, and a transcript must be on file at the Academic Records Office.

Information on Residence and Course Requirements, Comprehensive Examinations, and the Doctoral Dissertation Information is the same as for the PhD program (see above).

General Seminary Courses (Credits)

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Course numbers used in this bulletin are the following:

- 500-599 Master's level courses for professional programs
- 600-699 Master's and doctoral level courses
- 700-799 Professional doctoral courses
- 800-999 Academic doctoral courses

Whenever an alternative number of credits is designated for a given course, a hyphen (e.g., "2–3 credits") indicates that the student may choose the number of credits within the designated amount (corresponding work is assigned by the teacher); the word "or" (e.g., "2 or 3 credits") indicates that in any given term the course is available for one of the amounts of credit (but not both). Courses may be increased or decreased by 1 credit in extension schools at the discretion of the dean.

GSEM510 <i>Revelation, Inspiration and Hermeneutics</i> An interdisciplinary study of the process by which God communicates with human beings and of sound methods for interpreting and understanding the Scripture and applying its message.	(3)	GSEM625 <i>Religious Liberty Issues and Advocacy</i> A survey of religious liberty principles and cases from an Adventist perspective with an emphasis on the contemporary U.S. setting, including a review of major historical developments and a look at trends shaping the future.	(3–4)
GSEM525 <i>The Bible and Biblical History</i> Surveys the Bible's content and history as reflected in the requirements for the Bible Knowledge Entrance Test and equips the student to improve the biblical literacy of the local parish.	(1)	GSEM648 <i>Workshop</i>	(variable)
GSEM528 <i>Nutrition and Health Promotion</i> Health promotion and Adventist lifestyle, with primary focus on the influence of diet on the development of chronic diseases such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, and cancer.	(2–3)	GSEM670 <i>Guided Study Tour of the Bible Lands</i> The principal sites of historical and archaeological interest in the countries of the Bible surrounding the eastern Mediterranean, including Egypt, Sinai, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Jordan. Weekly: 2 or 3 lectures.	(1–12)
GSEM530 <i>Doctrine of the Sanctuary</i> A study of the earthly and heavenly sanctuaries with special emphasis on the books of Leviticus, Daniel, Hebrews, and Revelation. Team taught by members of various departments.	(2–3)	GSEM678 <i>Church History Study Tour</i> Provides a variety of guided study tours to places of interest in general Christian and denominational history. Repeatable with different sites or eras.	(1–8)
GSEM532 <i>The Life and Ministry of Ellen G. White</i> Designed for students who have not had a similar course on the college level. It is a prerequisite for GSEM534, not a substitute for it.	(2)	GSEM688 <i>Master's Degree Continuation</i>	(0)
GSEM534 <i>The Writings of Ellen G. White</i> Orientation in methods of research in and interpretation of the writings of E. G. White. Based on personal research in her published and unpublished works. A core requirement. Prerequisite: GSEM532 or its equivalent.	(2–3)	GSEM695 <i>Research Project</i>	(2–3)
GSEM539 <i>Issues in Origins</i> A study of current creation and evolutionary models regarding the origin, age, and change of the earth and its life. Specific topics include the historical development of these models; their biblical, philosophical, and scientific foundations; and theological implications.	(2–3)	GSEM697 <i>Thesis for MA Degree</i>	(3–9)
GSEM541 <i>Spiritual Formation</i> Study and practice of spiritual formation designed to lead students to growth in their personal spiritual lives.	(2–3)	GSEM698 <i>Thesis for Master of Divinity Degree</i>	(2–8)
GSEM542 <i>Advanced Spiritual Formation</i> In-depth study and practice of specific issues and activities of the spiritual life. Repeatable. Prerequisite: GSEM541.	(2–3)	GSEM699 <i>Thesis for Master of Theology Degree</i>	(2–8)
GSEM588 <i>InMinistry MDiv Continuation</i>	(0)	GSEM850 <i>Research Seminar</i> An introduction to research methods and tools.	(2)
GSEM620 <i>Research Methods</i> An introduction to research techniques and tools. A research paper is required.	(2–3)	GSEM854 <i>PhD-ThD Dissertation Proposal Seminar</i> Advanced research techniques and tools, with preparation of a tentative proposal, or pre-proposal, for a dissertation in the field of religion.	(3)
		GSEM860 <i>Teaching Religion in College</i> Furnishes PhD and ThD students with insights into the practice of using basic techniques, tools, and procedures for meaningful instruction in the field of religion.	(3)
		GSEM880 <i>Preparation for PhD-ThD Comprehensive Examinations</i> Qualifies for full-time status.	(0)
		GSEM888 <i>PhD-ThD Dissertation Continuation</i> Qualifies for full-time status.	(0)
		GSEM995 <i>PhD-ThD Dissertation</i> May take 1–12 credits to qualify for full-time status.	(1–12)