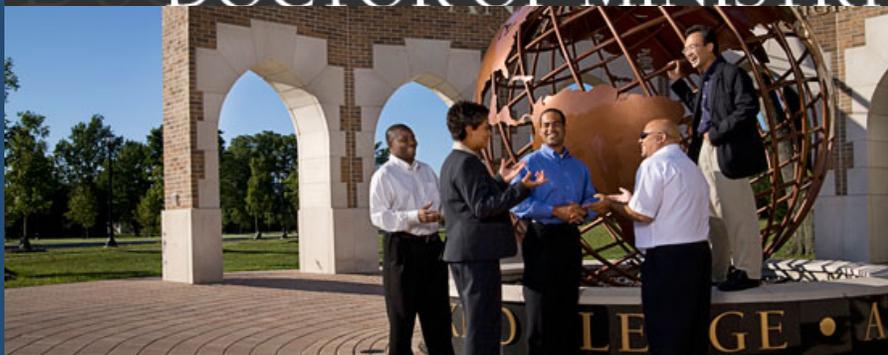


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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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Research Study Results, continued: Doctor of Ministry Education in NAD

In October I shared with you that Roger Dudley, Director of the Institute of Church Ministry, a research organization that serves the church in North America, implemented the most comprehensive study ever done on the attitudes and perspectives of Adventist pastors and other church leaders on Doctor of Ministry Education in North America.

The study revealed that 66% of the respondents see the Doctor of Ministry program providing a growing number of graduates who demonstrate excellence in ministry. There were other favorable responses. 15% stated the DMin was simply not a part of their vision.

Respondents saw the DMin as a worthwhile investment. 57% stated it was well worth the time and effort, others perhaps so, and 6% believe the time and money would be better spent elsewhere. 51% saw the money invested as positive, 41% not sure, 7% believe the money would be better spent elsewhere. 97% believe the DMin experience usually or sometimes (depending on the person) makes a person more effective in ministry, while only 3% do not believe so.

We continue to believe investment in people who serve the church is a great decision!

Skip Bell

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Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program

Prepare NOW for Next Semester's Registration!

Program participants are expected to register each of the three semesters of an academic year, either for credits (in the semesters you actually have intensives) or for some type of continuation. If you are not registered, you will not have access to University services and student loans will no longer be deferred.

Now is the time for all current program participants to prepare for the spring semester's registrations, which will be prepared and entered during the month of December. You must have financial clearance for the new semester before your registration can be completed (in other words, your account paid up to date). You can check your account status online, using your Andrews username and password to log in; or you can call Vicki Thompson, associate director of Student Financial Services (1-269-471-6995, vlt@andrews.edu); she will be happy to assist you. Don't delay—take action **now** to make sure everything is in order for your spring semester registration!

New Cohorts Forming for 2012 and 2013

A new cohort is forming now for the Pastoral Ministry (Spanish) concentration; the first intensive will be in September of 2012. This is open to Spanish-speaking ministry professionals in the North American Division. Ministry professionals from other divisions may also participate in this cohort if they remain in full-time ministry in their home fields and travel to the United States once each year to attend intensives as scheduled with their cohort.

Two international cohorts will be launched for the Leadership concentration in 2012; one in Sagunto, Spain, for the Spanish Union, and the other at Zaoksky University in Russia for the Euro-Asia Division.

Coming in 2013: new cohorts for Leadership, Chaplaincy Ministry, Health Care Chaplaincy, and the Evangelism & Church Growth concentrations (all NAD, English-speaking). For more information or to reserve a place in one of these cohorts, send email to dmin@andrews.edu.