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Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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Doctor of Ministry Program Time Limits

The Doctor of Ministry is a part-time program for full-time ministry professionals. Course work and project credits are registered in 8-credit increments each year for four years—a total of 32 credits. Each year's study module includes an intensive that requires attendance for about 2½ weeks. Pre- and post-intensive work and project implementation are done independently. Up to six additional semesters (two years) are allowed to complete the implementation of the project and preparation of the project manuscript leading up to the project assessment event, which culminates the Doctor of Ministry journey. For most participants, this is more than sufficient time to complete the degree requirements.

Occasionally, unforeseen circumstances may prevent a participant from being quite ready for assessment by the time the end of the six-year program limit is in sight. **Persons who wish to petition a one-year program extension should apply no later than the beginning of the final semester within their six-year limit; the window of opportunity to apply will close thirty days into that semester.**

A petition for a one-year extension may be considered when the following criteria have been met:

1. Provide a plan for completion with a timeline, describing specific tasks to be completed, incremental dates for projected completion of each task, and the anticipated graduation date.
2. Provide a project advisor's supporting statement affirming the feasibility of the participant's being able to complete the program within the extension year.
3. Chapters two and three of the project document have been approved by the project advisor and second reader, or...
4. A serious life calamity has slowed completion (conditions 1 and 2 must be met).

This privilege comes with a higher cost: registration for GSEM788 Project Continuation each semester in an extension year will be charged at a rate equal to the tuition for one doctoral-level credit without discount—currently, \$1,122 per semester.

Persons who are dropped from the program may re-apply to enter a new cohort at a later time if they wish. Those who are re-admitted will retain any module credits previously earned if applicable toward the concentration of choice, but will be required to repeat attendance at all intensives with the new cohort.

New Cohorts Forming in 2014

- A new cohort is forming now for those whose ministry context or interest is in [Organizational Leadership](#). Application deadline is **November 22, 2013**.
- The [Discipleship and Biblical Spirituality](#) concentration launches a new cohort in February 2014; application deadline is **November 29, 2013**.
- The [Youth and Young Adult Ministry](#) concentration will form a new cohort to start in February of 2014; application deadline is **November 29, 2013**.
- **A new concentration for chaplains** with dual-track intensives is scheduled March 31 – April 15, 2014 (application deadline **January 31, 2014**). Chaplains specializing in health care will have a separate-but-concurrent track in the first and fourth years of their program. Application deadline: See the [DMin chaplaincy webpage](#) for more details.
- The [Family Ministry](#) concentration has scheduled a new cohort to begin in July 2014; application deadline is **April 30, 2014**.
- Those who wish to take the [Pastoral Ministry \(Spanish\)](#) concentration should apply now for a cohort scheduled to begin September 8-26, 2014; application deadline is May 30, 2014, but be aware—this cohort fills quickly!

Important Note for Current Program Participants

All DMin oral project assessments are now conducted virtually, using simple technology tools such as *GoToMeeting*. It is no longer required to appear in person for the assessment event. All arrangements leading up to the assessment and graduation are coordinated by Yvonna Applewhite; contact her at 1-269-471-3552, dminla@andrews.edu.

Report From Seminary Assessment

We were very pleased with some results from the 2012-13 Seminary Assessment process. Here are a few of the findings:

- The effect of the program on personal life—spirituality, family, etc., is very positive
- There is a very positive response regarding the program's practical application and relevance to ministry (90% satisfied or very satisfied, 9% somewhat satisfied)
- The factors that lead participants to the program are largely their desire to grow as ministry professionals and their belief that God led them in that decision (84%)
- There is a high regard for the quality and rigor of the program (94%)
- There is a high level of satisfaction with faculty (92%)
- Participants speak of strengthened commitment to ministry, spirituality, and the church
- **Graduates state they have formed life-long habits of learning! (94%) We feel that is exceptional!**
- Graduates state they are integrating new ministry skills (95-100%)
- The affirmation given to the final oral assessment of projects is quite high

Schedule of Intensives

DMin alumni are welcome to utilize their ongoing benefit of guest attendance at any of these intensives. Call or email the DMin office to make a reservation. (Years in parenthesis identify the cohort according to the year in which it was formed.)

| Cohort | Intensive | Dates | Location |
|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| (2014 cohort launch) Organizational Leadership | CHMN747 Christian Leadership | January 21-31, 2014 | Riverside, CA |
| (2014) Organizational Leadership | GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar | February 2-10, 2014 | Riverside, CA |
| (2014 cohort launch) Youth and Young Adult Ministry | DSRE710 Current Issues in Youth and Young Adult Ministry | February 13-21, 2014 | Orlando, FL |
| (2014) Youth and Young Adult Ministry | GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar | February 23-March 3, 2014 | Orlando, FL |
| (2014 cohort launch) Discipleship and Biblical Spirituality | DSRE705 Theological and Historical Perspectives on Spiritual Growth | February 23-March 4, 2014 | Orlando, FL |
| (2014) Discipleship & Biblical Spirituality | GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar | March 5-13, 2014 | Orlando, FL |
| (2011) Urban Ministry | CHMN776 Urban Church Leadership and Management | March 10-19, 2014 | Toronto, ON CANADA |
| (2014 cohort launch) Chaplaincy | CHMN788 Professional Practice in Chaplaincy (health care) or CHMN775 Foundations of Chaplaincy Ministry (other fields) | March 31-April 6, 2014 | Orlando, FL |
| (2014) Chaplaincy | GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar | April 7-15, 2014 | Orlando, FL |
| (for all cohorts launched in 2013) | GSEM790 Spiritual and Theological Foundations for Ministry | May 5-16, 2014 | Andrews University |
| (2011) Missional Church | CHMN714 Discipling Leaders for Mission | May 4-14, 2014 | Orlando, FL |
| (2012) Pastoral Ministry (Spanish) | CHMN758 Internal Dynamics of Families | July 1-18, 2014 | Andrews University |
| (2011) Preaching | CHMN748 Preaching the Literary Forms of the Bible | July 7-17, 2014 | Andrews University |

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