Doctor of Ministry Project Map

Year 1

2 Content Classes

- Spend a year reading widely in the area of concentration
- Develop an annotated bibliography
- Use worksheet to narrow down the problem that the project will address

Year 2

GSEM 706

GSEM 790 DMin Professional Dissertation Seminar

- Clarify the ministry context
- Clearly identify the problem
- Define the task
- Map out the literature review chapter
- Map out the theological reflection chapter
- Develop academic writing & critical thinking skills
- Select advisor and second reader
- Submit proposal to project coach and then your advisor
- DMin committee approval of proposal
- Write chapters 2-Theological Reflection & 3-Literature Review
- Submit chapters 2 & 3 to your advisor

Year 3

1 Content Class

GSEM 793 DMin Research Methods Seminar

- Learn action research design
- Review field research methods
- Outline the project methodology
- Write chapter 4-Methodology
- Submit chapter 4 to your advisor
- Receive IRB approval
- Begin implementation of project

Year 4

1 Content Class

Project Implementation

- Continue the project implementation
- Make sure all needed revisions are done on chapters 2, 3 & 4
- Write chapter 1-Introduction
- Submit chapter 1 to advisor

Years 5 - 6

Project Completion

- Complete implementation of the project
- Write chapters 5-Narrative of Implementation & 6-Evaluation & Learning
- Submit chapters 5 & 6 to your advisor
- Make revisions to all chapters as needed
- Create preliminary pages & appendices
- Advisor & 2nd reader approve the professional dissertation
- Advisor contacts DMin Office, according to the completion schedule, before desired graduation date, to affirm approval of the professional dissertation
- Copy sent to DMin Office
- DMin editor does pre-defense review
- Defense
- Submit post-defense revisions to advisor
- Advisor affirms completed revisions to DMin Office & submits final professional dissertation
- Post-defense review by DMin editor
- Graduation

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