

22. Doctor of Ministry (DMIN)

a. Program Goals

The Doctor of Ministry degree program is a professional ministerial degree. It aims to deepen the praxis and leadership in ministry for students who have engaged in ministerial leadership. After completion, the student will: i) grow in collegiality and leadership; ii) acquire the capacity to reflect critically and theologically in ministerial contexts; iii) be able to do research in ministry and introduce new insights and proposals for future ministry.

b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) the possession of the Master of Divinity degree or its educational equivalent with a GPA of 3.00 or above from an institution recognized by LTS (for a person with a Bachelor of Theology degree or equivalent and another relevant theological master's degree will also be considered); ii) applicants must have been baptized for at least three years prior to application for study; iii) at least five years of full-time experience in ministry subsequent to the first graduate theological degree. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

c. Requirements for Language

Students are expected to have sufficient English knowledge for studying at a graduate-level.

d. Area of Emphasis

Pastoral Ministry and Leadership

Christian Counseling*

Christian Education

Christian Spirituality

Diakonia

Mission and Culture

Worship and Liturgy

- * Students can choose to do the counseling practicum for the course credits with the assessment and permission of the adviser. Students are required to pay extra fees for practicum supervision apart from the tuition (charges according to the scale of related institutes). The graduation diploma will be shown as Theoretical Based, Professional Practicum, or Pastoral Practicum for different schemes.

e. Program Content

Part I – Coursework (32 credits)

i) Core Courses	credits
PT3042 Ministry in Context	4
IS3000 Research Methodology in Practical Theology	4
ii) Guided Electives	
3 courses on Area of Emphasis	12
1 course on Biblical Interpretation	4
1 course on Leadership	4
iii) Free Electives	
1 course	4

Part II – Dissertation (16 credits)

Students are required to write a dissertation on their research on a particular ministry of the church(es) or of Christian organization(s). The dissertation should include both theoretical and practical argumentations. Its conclusion could become a reference for other churches or Christian organizations.

Total Credits Required for Graduation (Parts I & II) 48

f. Candidacy

When students complete Part I (with an average GPA of 3.00 or above) and the dissertation proposal is approved by the Doctor of Ministry Committee, the Doctor of Ministry Candidacy will be granted.

g. Colloquium

Students must attend DMIN colloquium at least 3 times, present and discuss their dissertation proposal or parts of the dissertation, respond to papers and other students' presentations, and actively participate in the colloquia in general.

h. Duration

This program requires three academic years. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed nine years.

i. Requirements for Graduation

- i) Students must complete all coursework with a GPA of 3.00 or above; and
- ii) successfully pass the oral defence; and
- iii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

j. Program Handbook

The details of the content and policy of the DMIN program can be found in the *Doctor of Ministry Program Handbook*, which will be given to students after admission.