

## 10. Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)

### a. Purpose of the Degree

The Doctor of Ministry degree is a professional degree. The purpose of the D.Min. degree is to enhance the practice of ministry for persons who hold the M.Div. degree, its educational equivalent or above, and have engaged in ministerial leadership.

### b. Objectives of the Program

The D.Min. program has four basic objectives: i) to grow in personal spirituality and to learn skills for helping others grow spiritually and theologically; ii) to develop professional collegiality and leadership skills with an ecclesiological and ecumenical emphasis; iii) to learn to reflect on ministry from missiological and diakonal perspectives and to adopt and apply them to one's congregational ministry or other ministries in an Asian, and specifically Hong Kong, context; and iv) to enhance one's ability to reflect theologically and critically on ministry and to integrate theological study within the context and practice of ministry.

### c. Requirements for Admission

Admission to the D.Min. program requires: i) the possession of M.Div. degree or its educational equivalent with a GPA of 3.00 from an accredited school; ii) at least three years of full-time experience in ministry subsequent to the first graduate theological degree; iii) a personal statement of 10-15 typewritten pages in English or Chinese describing the ministerial experience, self-assessment of personal and professional development and of strengths and areas of need, some projection of professional expectations for the future and a statement of the objectives for D.Min. study; iv) three letters of recommendation: one from the denominational supervisor, one from a clergy colleague and one from a lay person (perfectly the chairperson) in the home congregation; v) a church/organization statement; vi) a written work. For further information, please contact the D.Min. office.

### d. Content

	credits
<b>Unit I Orientation</b>	
LP4005 Advanced Studies Program Orientation	3
<b>Unit II Courses</b>	
ST3007/MC3013 Contextual Theology	4
4 Electives	16
<b>Unit III Seminars</b>	
MC4001 Missiology Seminar (5-day)	4
SW4001 Spirituality Seminar (5-day)	4
PT4001 Collegiality Seminar (5-day)	4
LP4003 Seminar on Theological Research and Theological Encounter/Dialogue (3-day)	2

**Unit IV Dissertation**

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The design and completion of a dissertation on the basis of a project that addresses both the nature and the practice of ministry. Upon completion of the dissertation, there shall be an oral defense and evaluation.

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**Total Credits Required for Graduation**

**49**

**e. Areas of Emphasis**

Pastoral Counseling  
Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)  
Spirituality  
Mission  
Liturgy  
Other areas

**f. Advanced Studies Colloquium**

All D.Min. students are encouraged to attend the advanced studies colloquium in Practical Theology.

**g. Language**

It is important to have a high proficiency in the English language. Much of the theological literature is only available in English. Therefore, to receive maximum benefit from the program, English books should be read and used in one's studies.

**h. Doctor of Ministry Handbook**

For more details of the content and policy of the D.Min. program, please refer to the *Doctor of Ministry Handbook*.

**i. Duration**

The D.Min. program requires not less than three nor more than 6 years to complete.

**j. Requirements for Graduation**

- i) In order to earn the D.Min. degree, a student must have completed all the requirements with a GPA of 3.00 or above.
- ii) Satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS in other aspects.

**k. Further Study**

The D.Min. degree is a highly advanced professional degree for persons in the ministries of the churches. However, it can also be a basis for D.Th. study at LTS.