

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM

CURRICULUM ELEMENTS & FACULTY

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

The demands of ministry in the 21st century are considerable. More than ever, ministers are pressed to provide leadership that enables congregations to meet the needs of people in a rapidly changing world. As a result, many ministers sense a



growing desire for additional seminary preparation beyond the master's degree. Logsdon Seminary is able to meet this need for advanced ministry education and preparation through the Doctor of Ministry program.

Drawing on the foundation of the Master of Divinity, the Doctor of Ministry program offers ministers the opportunity to develop new insights and skills, to reflect deeply

on the integration of theology and praxis in ministry, and to advance the cultivation of a healthy spiritual life.

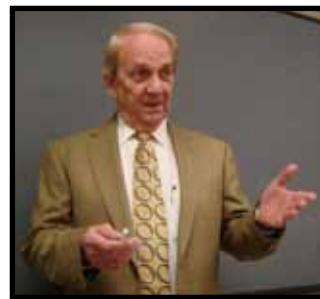
Scripture, ministry leadership, worship, spiritual formation, and theology form the core of the curriculum, providing an opportunity for ministers to enhance their effectiveness immediately. A formal ministry project at the conclusion of the program offers a climactic experience of integrating ministerial leadership with theological education.

The Doctor of Ministry program at Logsdon Seminary is designed to enhance, not detract, from the time spent in ministry. The three-year program focuses on a hybrid model of seminars and supervision, guided by faculty mentors and experienced ministry practitioners, and coordinated in such a way as to allow students to continue active service in their current places of ministry.

Intensely practical and academically engaging, the Doctor of Ministry program at Logsdon Seminary provides any minister with the ideal setting for gaining the highest possible level of ministry preparation for a lifetime of ministry service.

SEMINARY FACULTY

The Logsdon Seminary faculty bring to the Doctor of Ministry degree decades of experience teaching in doctoral programs across the country. The faculty have the reputation of deep personal involvement in a wide array of practical church ministries, as well as engagement with the highest levels of academic study. Out of this wealth of experience, they are able to create for DMin students an ideal learning environment for personal growth through the integration of theological disciplines with the effective practice of ministry.



CURRICULUM ELEMENTS

The Doctor of Ministry Program at Logsdon Seminary is a three-year program designed to meet the needs of ministers serving in full or part-time capacities. The program includes 30-semester hours of coursework and a formal project.

SEMINARS

DMin courses are offered in a seminar format, allowing for a rich interaction of learning to occur between faculty and students. Integrative seminars employ team teaching, drawing from the three main divisions of the curriculum: Scripture, Theology (history, ethics, philosophy), and Practical Theology (Preaching, Missions, Evangelism, etc.). Focused seminars allow for concentrated study in a particular area of ministry.

SUPERVISION

Field supervisors are an integral part of the DMin program, providing weekly interaction, feedback, and guidance for DMin students in Supervisory Seminars. Supervisors are chosen from an approved pool of highly-trained, experienced practitioners within a variety of contexts.

FORMAL PROJECT

A formal project is required at the culmination of the DMin program and serves to synthesize research and application within a selected area of practical ministry. This formal ministry project requires implementation of proposals within a ministry context. Upon completion of research, implementation and writing, the project is presented and orally defended before the faculty.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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The Doctor of Ministry curriculum consists of eight seminars and a project, involving a total of 30 semester hours of work. Students move through four Supervisory Seminars in a cohort format, employing a combination of group interaction and individual learning under the leadership of a faculty professor and a field supervisor. In three Integrative Seminars students explore the intersection of practical theology with scripture, theology, and culture in a dialogical format on the main campus, typically in a one-week format. For the Focused Seminar each student engages a specially-designed course of study that meets his or her particular interests, including the option of Clinical Pastoral Education. Ideally, all coursework is completed within the first two years of the program; however, additional time may be arranged when necessary.



SUPERVISORY SEMINARS

Four seminars in two consecutive years

FIRST YEAR:

Theological Integration of Student Formation and Ministry in the Church

Supervision One: Theological Formation – 3 hrs

Supervision Two: Spirituality in Ministry – 3 hrs

SECOND YEAR:

Application of Student Learning to Students' Respective Churches

Supervision Three: Worship and Mission – 3 hrs

Supervision Four: Church Structure, Administration, & Leadership – 3 hrs

INTEGRATED AND FOCUSED SEMINARS

Four seminars in a suggested timeframe of two years

Scripture and Practice – 3 hrs

Theology and Practice – 3 hrs

The Church and Culture – 3 hrs

Focused Seminar – 3 hrs

PROJECT

6 hrs – in a suggested timeframe of one year including presentation and defense



OUR MISSION

Logsdon Seminary is a part of Hardin-Simmons

University, a church related institution of higher learning affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The purpose of Logsdon Seminary is to prepare servant leaders for Christian ministry through an academically challenging theological education centered on the Lordship of Christ, guided by the authority of Scripture, and focused on the global mission of the Church.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM GOALS

- ◆ To build upon the foundational equipping of the Master of Divinity degree as well as substantial experience in ministry
- ◆ To increase understanding of the nature, purpose, and practice of ministry
- ◆ To improve skills for analyzing ministry settings and engaging in effective ministry
- ◆ To enhance the reflective integration of knowledge and skills in the practice of ministry
- ◆ To augment the spiritual development of the minister



FINANCIAL AID

All students at Logsdon receive a reduction in the Hardin-Simmons University graduate tuition rate. In addition, the Baptist General Convention of Texas provides financial assistance for qualified students. As a result, the cost of the Doctor of Ministry program at Logsdon is greatly reduced, making it an affordable investment in ministry preparation. A variety of merit-based and need-based scholarships are also available to those who qualify, and federal aid is available through Hardin-Simmons University. You can find more information about these opportunities on our website or by contacting us.

BAPTIST IDENTITY

Logsdon Seminary is a part of Hardin-Simmons University, which was founded in 1891 as the first school of higher education in Texas west of Fort Worth. The University has a rich heritage and tradition stemming from a foundational purpose “to bring young men and women to Christ, to teach them of Christ, and to train them for Christ.” Since 1941 HSU has been affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Because of its heritage, Logsdon Seminary is deeply rooted in the life and faith of Baptists. We value our heritage and are committed to these principles:

THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF THE LIVING CHRIST
 THE CENTRALITY OF THE BIBLE AS THE GUIDE FOR FAITH AND LIFE
 THE REALITY OF SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH
 THE PRIESTHOOD OF EVERY BELIEVER
 THE LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
 THE AUTONOMY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH
 THE PRIORITY OF MISSIONS AND MINISTRY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



While Logsdon Seminary is a distinctively Baptist institution, we welcome students of other denominations and value their unique contributions to our community of learning.

ACCREDITATION

Logsdon Seminary is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275-1103; phone: 412.788-6505; website: www.ats.edu). ATS is the largest and most well-respected accrediting agency for seminaries in North America. ATS accreditation means students can be confident that a Doctor of Ministry degree from Logsdon Seminary has met the highest standards of academic quality and rigor, providing students an opportunity to earn a degree that is universally respected by both ministry and academic peers. The following Logsdon Seminary degree programs are approved by the Commission on Accrediting: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Family Ministry, and Doctor of Ministry (preliminary approval). The Doctor of Ministry program is approved for the main campus in Abilene, TX. In addition, Hardin-Simmons University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033 or online at www.sacscoc.org) to award bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees. Logsdon Seminary is part of HSU's Logsdon School of Theology.

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ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AND EXPECTATIONS

Admission to Logsdon Seminary is based upon a total evaluation of the following:

PRIOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Completion of the Master of Divinity Degree or its equivalent from an ATS accredited institution with an overall minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a four-point scale.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

A minimum of three years of significant ministry experience beyond the date when the Master of Divinity has been earned is required at the time of acceptance.

APPLICATION

An application is required indicating previous experience and current aptitude for a graduate, professional program in preparation for ministry. Applicants must also provide a competitive score on the verbal section of the GRE or MAT and complete a personal essay reflecting on the background, values, and goals for growth in the DMin program.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Four letters of personal reference are required which reflect evidence of a student's character, commitment, and readiness for a graduate, professional program in preparation for ministry.

CHURCH RECOMMENDATION

The Church Recommendation Form must be completed by a church where the applicant has been a member to demonstrate active church involvement and the affirmation of the applicant's calling by a congregation.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

An interview with a seminary representative is required, preferably with the Doctor of Ministry program director.

For program information or to begin the application process, please contact us at 325.670.1576 or 800.996.6384, or visit us online at

www.logsdonseminary.org



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