

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry is an advanced professional degree that equips graduates to be effective contextual leaders in their ministry settings. Through the lens of Bowen Family Systems theory, students will integrate leadership principles from theological, sociological, and practical disciplines and apply those learnings to the practice of ministry in context.

As a graduate of the Doctor of Ministry program, students will be able to:

- ◆ Minister with an increased understanding of personal calling and giftedness in ministerial leadership, demonstrating a high level of self-awareness about spiritual growth and personal development.
- ◆ Approach ministry practices with a better understanding of the nature of the congregational context. Students will acquire an explicit theory of the congregation as an authentic and viable expression of Church and clarity about the congregation's purpose and mission.
- ◆ Understand the function of ministerial leadership related to calling and position in the congregational setting. Students will assess the effectiveness of their leadership as a critical dimension of the practice of ministry.

The program consists of 36 semester hours and takes a minimum of three years to complete. Students must be engaged in full-time ministry during the program and the degree must be completed within six years.

All of the following seminars (12 sem. hrs):

DM5011	Theological Reflection on the Minister and the Ministry Context
DM5012	Biblical, Historical, and Theological Issues and the Practice of Ministry
DM5013	Theological Reflection on the Practice of Ministry
DM5014	Project Design, Implementation, and Report Writing

Field Based Studies (6 sem. hrs):

DM5011a
DM5013a

Literature Review (3 sem. hrs):

DM5010

Electives* (9 sem. hrs)

Final Project (6 sem. hrs)

DM5015
DM5016

*Electives courses may include transfer credits, CPE credits, seminars, advanced electives, or directed studies. Each course should include an element of application to or analysis of the student's congregational setting.

Students may also elect to complete an emphasis in Justice & Peacebuilding in conjunction with Eastern Mennonite University. Students must apply directly to the [Center for Justice and Peacebuilding](#) and complete their 9 electives hours at EMU, in addition to focusing all field-based studies and final project on Justice & Peacebuilding.

TUITION & FEES

2016-2017

Tuition for full-time students* (12 semester hours per academic year): \$6,600

Required fees: \$600

**Cost per 3 semester hour course: \$1,650*

Students are awarded on average \$3,000 per year in financial aid from both institutional and external sources.

For more information contact the Admissions Office at admissions@btsr.edu or 804.204.1208.



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