

The Doctor of Ministry degree is an applicational degree. Students learn how to apply knowledge effectively in their ministry. Men and women in ministry improve their skills and enlarge their vision in order to be effective in ministry at the doctoral level. Research is carried through to action. Theological and theoretical study is demanding, but the application of that study is much more demanding. **People don't want leaders who only know the truth, but those who can also apply it effectively to help others successfully move forward. Effectiveness in ministry is the goal.** Denver Seminary's Doctor of Ministry degree was first offered in 1976. We are accredited by both the Association of Theological Schools and the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.

Advantages of Denver Seminary's Program

A CLEAR MISSION

Denver Seminary seeks to glorify God by equipping leaders to think biblically, live faithfully and lead wisely for a lifetime. Knowing, being and doing are all a part of leading. Leaders mobilize ministry by using strengths God has given them. They glorify God by using His gifts.

EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY

Both resident and visiting faculty are regarded as among the best in their respective fields.

A BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS

Located in southwest Metro Denver, Denver Seminary boasts a great view of the mountains. The campus sits beside a river and a hiking/bike path that runs for miles throughout the city.

BROAD STUDENT INTERACTION

Denver Seminary currently has students from a majority of the states and many foreign countries. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17).

CONVENIENT, ONE-WEEK SEMINARS

Seminars meet in one-week intensive classes. Reading and writing assignments are conducted before and after coming to campus for the seminars.

ADVANTAGEOUS TRAVEL

Denver's beautiful location on the front range of the Rocky Mountains is a major travel center for both air and ground travel for easy access.

COST-COMPETITIVE PROGRAM

Denver Seminary is committed to providing an affordable structure of tuition and fees.

Denver Seminary is a Bible-based evangelical seminary committed to training students to be effective ministry leaders who live what they teach.

"Pastors plan for the future but live in the present. They may improve tomorrow but must minister today. They need to ask, 'How can I use what I've got?' rather than, 'How can I be what I'm not?'"
- Dr. David Osborn

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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY The Process





Areas of Study

- Church and Parachurch Executive Leadership
- Leadership in Community Spiritual Formation
- Leadership in Global Urban Ministry
- Leadership in Preaching and Pastoral Ministry
- Marriage and Family Counseling

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OUR GOAL

Our goal is to develop students in three areas: knowing, being and doing. To grow in effectiveness, you must integrate what you know into your life.



THE CHALLENGE: HOW TO BE EFFECTIVE IN MINISTRY

Leaders Lead Others

Pastors and parachurch leaders must lead their people to do ministry if the needed ministry is to be done. Counselors must lead clients to do the things necessary for growth if counseling is to be effective.



To lead does not require a particular set of traits or skills. If it did, few could lead. For instance, what are the chances of a person having just seven specific strengths out of the thirty-four identified by the Gallup organization in 25 years of research? It is one in five million. So if a particular group of seven strengths were required to lead, very few people would have them.



In reality, leading can be done from many different sets of strengths. We teach you to ask:

“How can I use what I’ve got?”

rather than,

“How can I be what I’m not?”

We teach that to lead, you must develop what God has given you, and not try to be what you’re not.

Our Program Accomplishes Two Things

It helps develop your God-given abilities so you can accomplish more, and it helps develop ministry consistent with your abilities and the people you serve. The key is your ability to work with God. God can enable you to “travel farther” than your abilities alone can take you. Therefore, we offer seminars in spiritual formation.

How We Accomplish Our Goal

Growth in knowing, being and doing is a process. This process is called “traveling in ministry.” **To travel in ministry (grow in effectiveness) you must:**

Know where you are

Know where you’re going

Know how to get there.

Know Where You Are

When students begin the program, they take tests to help identify their strengths and non-strengths. They write a self-evaluation essay, with the help of their mentors, in which they evaluate where they are in knowing, being and doing. The purpose of this process is to help students learn to evaluate where they are so they can help others to evaluate their own lives.

Know Where You’re Going

In a self-evaluation essay, students prayerfully set goals for themselves in all areas of life—spiritual, relational (particularly family), professional, educational and community involvement—which they will seek to accomplish while in the doctoral program. When students have completed all the seminars, they will write an integrative essay in which they discuss how well they met their original goals, and then set new goals. In the end, it is our belief that this process will help students learn how to help others work toward their own goals.

Know How to Get There

We remind students that Jesus said, “Apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). They must depend on Him first. If they do, godly professors

who have been effective in “traveling” in the area in which they teach can help them learn how to get there. We look for the most effective people to lead the seminars. Students choose the areas to study according to their particular needs. Mentors also help students through this process.

Integrative Essays

Following each seminar, students write a short integrative paper on how that seminar relates to their ministry, to the other seminars, and how it will help them reach their goals. This helps us determine how well the students are integrating into their lives (being) what they have learned. At the end of their seminars, students write an integrative essay covering the entire program.

Project and Thesis

The project and thesis bring together knowing, being and doing. We call this “developing ministry through research.” To be effective, the whole process must be bathed in prayer from start to finish (John 15:5). Students choose an area of need in their ministry. They evaluate where they and their people are, and then set goals for the ministry project. Students do both biblical and theoretical research to develop a training program that is appropriate to help move themselves and their people toward their goal. Once they have completed their ministry project they evaluate how far they have “traveled”—that is, how well they achieved their goal.

Mentoring

Students choose mentors who will go through training with the student in the mentoring process. Those mentors will walk with the student through the Doctor of Ministry program. In addition, a first reader, second reader and research consultant will give guidance in the research and design of their project and thesis. The goal is to help students develop ministry that is appropriate to their situation. Once students learn this process they can use it throughout their lives. We then can say they are a “Doctor of Ministry,” balanced in knowing, being and doing.