

“Because Western’s D.Min. program focuses on the professional interests of the student, I can delve immediately into the topics that I find imminently practical in my ministry context, all while building the elements of my final project. I also have access to the knowledge and expertise of Western’s staff.”

Rev. Pam Doty-Nations
Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity of Kent County

“One of the things I was looking for in any Doctor of Ministry program was a sense that the professors would be there for me. Western’s professors were interested in my formation as a pastor.

“The program maintained a careful balance with constructive feedback on my learning units and creative freedom to pursue the areas that fed my soul and heart in ministry.

“The D.Min program at WTS was not about getting a degree, but making new friends and walking together to lead the most creative thing in the world: the local congregation.”

Rev. Dr. Reggie Smith
Pastor, Roosevelt Park CRC
Grand Rapids, MI



The D.Min. program is directed by Rev. Dr. George R. Hunsberger. He is also Professor of Congregational Mission. Since its inception, he has served as the Coordinator of the Gospel and Our Culture Network in North America.

About Western Theological Seminary

Established by the Reformed Church in America in 1866, Western Theological Seminary is an evangelical and ecumenical community of faith and learning in the Reformed tradition. The seminary and its D.Min. degree program are fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).



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Doctor of Ministry

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Academics to challenge your mind.
A community to nurture your faith.
Ministry mentors to guide your passion.



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a missional
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critical theological
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missional pastoral
imagination

Program Design

Western Theological Seminary offers a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree with a missional accent—



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In the degree program, the practice of ministry is strengthened by developing personal capacities in critical biblical and theological reflection, reliable social research and cultural discernment, and missional vision and practice in ministry.

Three annual seminars, each one three weeks in length, provide a context for nourishing these

tailored
learning

capacities in companionship with peers and faculty mentors. Based on clearly stated learning goals, each student designs a series of personally tailored learning units with the help of faculty mentors and peers.

peer
collegiality

Following the final seminar, a carefully designed project/dissertation is completed.

The project engages in an explicitly formed path or practice of ministry, shaped by the learnings of the program and demonstrating competence in theological reflection, cultural discernment, and ministry vision.

The dissertation presents the foundations, design, and outcomes of

the completed project. This phase of the program is normally completed in one to two years.

faculty
mentors



Admission Standards

To be admitted to the D.Min program, you must:

- Hold a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree or its educational equivalent.
- Have at least three years of ministry experience since the M.Div. was completed.
- Have at least one year of experience in a current, accountable ministry setting.
- Be prepared to participate in seminars for three weeks in May/June during each of the following three years.

The application deadline is January 15 of the year in which one desires to begin the program. For information about current tuition rates for the program, contact the D.Min. office.

The D.Min. Handbook and application materials may be found online at www.westernsem.edu/explore/programs/doctor.

Contact us

The D.Min. Administrative Associate is available to provide further information about the program and guide you through the procedures for applying for admission. Contact the D.Min. office at:

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