



Doctor of Ministry **The Sacred Art of Writing**

This Doctor of Ministry track will invite both established and emerging writers in multiple genres and contexts (those in traditional ministry and those whose work and writing moves them into broader arenas of service) to think deeply, theologically, and artfully about their work. As people whose very life arrives from the Word, Christians ought to be those with the deepest reverence for language. Yet, too often our writing is stilted, banal, clichéd, moralistic and bereft of the beauty and care our craft requires. If we are dealing with holy work simultaneously immersed in gritty humanity and divine transcendence, then our writing ought to carry a haunting lilt while piercing the heart and the mind. *The Sacred Art of Writing* aims to walk with students into this joyful, sacred calling.

This cohort welcomes candidates with a master's degree who are able to articulate a theological undergirding to their calling to the writing craft and demonstrate appropriate experience and competency. Writing samples will be required in the admissions packet.

Faculty Mentor: Rev. Dr. Winn Collier

Cohort Mentors: John Blase and Marilyn McEntyre

Guest Lecturers: Leif Enger and Sophronia Scott

Schedule: A three-year program launching October 25-29, 2021, with six seminars over the course of three years. Seminars will meet each Fall and Spring.

Location: Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, for four seminars. In Fall 2022 the cohort will travel on a literary tour of London, Oxford, and other locales. Year Three will include a writer's workshop retreat in the southern or western United States.

Application: <https://www.westernsem.edu/apply-now/#application>

Application deadline: April 15, 2021 (April 1, 2021 for international students requiring an entry visa)

Special requirements: Since this is a cohort focused on English-language writing craft applicants whose native language is not English must provide a TOEFL score taken in the last 12 months of at least 650.

Tuition: \$4,500 per academic year for three years.
Students are also responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses related to the seminars.

For more information visit: <https://www.westernsem.edu/academics/degrees/doctor-ministry-degree/>

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