

## For More Information

For information on Austin Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program, please fill out the form below. You may also request application materials on our website:  
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An interview with the director of the Doctor of Ministry program is required prior to admission.

## Why Choose the Doctor of Ministry Program at Austin Seminary?

- ❖ Austin Seminary's Doctor of Ministry graduates repeatedly report that the program is appropriately rigorous to meet their spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral needs and that the faculty and staff are warm, personal, and engaging.
- ❖ Austin Seminary offers only three degrees: the Master of Divinity, the Master of Arts in Theological Studies, and the Doctor of Ministry. This means that our resident faculty are committed to the Doctor of Ministry program and enjoy the experience and insights pastors bring to the classroom.
- ❖ Austin Seminary has an outstanding faculty of national acclaim, deeply committed to the church.
- ❖ Austin Seminary supports theological education by keeping tuition and housing lower than most programs of our quality.
- ❖ The City of Austin is a wonderful place to visit, with lots to do and see.
- ❖ Students develop enduring collegial relationships with pastors of diverse backgrounds from around the country.

## About Austin Seminary

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary was established in 1902 to educate and equip pastors for the ministry on the Southwestern frontier. Now in its second century of service, Austin Seminary continues to expand its vision and influence to address the needs of the church and world of the twenty-first century.



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**You have served the church with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.**

**You have significant pastoral experience.**

**Now you need something more.**

*Do you desire to:*

- ❖ *feed your hunger for spiritual growth and intellectual challenge?*
- ❖ *strengthen, refresh, and refine your pastoral gifts?*
- ❖ *expand your theological knowledge?*
- ❖ *renew your pastoral creativity?*
- ❖ *increase your sense of pastoral awareness and identity?*
- ❖ *explore, develop, and research a specific aspect of ministry?*

If so, Austin Seminary may have the Doctor of Ministry program you seek.

### **Goals of the Doctor of Ministry program at Austin Seminary**

The Doctor of Ministry program at Austin Seminary is designed to facilitate students' spiritual and professional growth. Our program helps students to develop new skills; to acquire new ministerial resources; and to cultivate theological understanding and a high level of competence in pastoral practice.

Doctor of Ministry courses are held each January and June; each course runs for two weeks. Core Courses are ordinarily held during the first and second weeks of the term and elective courses during the third and fourth weeks. Students may begin the program in either term. Students are required to attend

classes in residence at least once a year for two weeks—either in January or June. The program may be completed in as little as four-and-a-half years (if one attends both terms every year), but no more than six.

The Doctor of Ministry degree is a rigorous program, composed of four phases:

#### **Phase I**

##### **The Core Courses (1 year)**

Students begin their doctoral studies with foundational courses to enhance theological reflection and biblical knowledge. Either course may be taken first.

**Core Course A:** “The Bible and the Practice of Ministry” assists the student in reading and interpreting the Bible in light of ministry concerns.

**Core Course B:** “Theological Reflection and the Practice of Ministry” addresses the role of theological analysis and reflection in the life of the church.

**Advancement to Candidacy.** Students advance to candidacy after the satisfactory completion of both Core Courses and a thorough evaluation of their work by the faculty.

#### **Phase II**

##### **Doctoral Seminar**

The Doctoral Seminar (TDS 800) is a research methodology course designed to help students think and write at the doctoral level. This course provides tools for congregational research by introducing students to contextual analysis through the fields of congregational studies and family systems. Phase II students begin to anticipate the direction of their final projects by participating as peer-consultants for Phase IV students crafting their final project proposals.

#### **Phase III**

##### **Elective Courses in One's Area of Concentration (1 1/2 to 3 years)**

Students ordinarily take three elective courses in their chosen concentrations. With permission of the director, they may take one elective outside of their concentration. The three concentrations are:

**Christian Nurture.** Here students engage in various aspects of Christian nurture through the three areas of specialization are *Spirituality*, *Pastoral Care*, and *Christian Education*.

**Evangelism and Mission in a Multicultural Context.** Students are introduced to various conversations in evangelism and mission in a pluralistic society through readings that help them interpret these ministries in specific social and cultural contexts. Two areas of specialization include *Evangelism and Mission* and *Rural Ministry*.

**Proclamation and Worship.** Students sharpen their skills in preaching and designing worship, exploring issues of biblical interpretation, different models of preaching, and the history of prayer and liturgy. The two areas of specialization are *Preaching* and *Worship*.

#### **Phase IV**

##### **The Doctoral Project (1 to 1 1/2 year)**

Upon completion of all three electives, students craft their final doctoral project proposal and then carry out their project under faculty supervision. The final project ordinarily takes twelve to eighteen months to complete. Projects must make substantial contributions to particular areas of ministry and be considered a gift to the church. They are bound and placed in the Austin Seminary library.