

DMin: Doctor of Ministry

Skip Bell, *Director*

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry program is to provide structured, rigorous, advanced training in ministry by equipping participants with needed competencies and leadership skills. The program engages qualified people in an active learning environment so that they may reach advanced levels of ministry effectiveness.

approach of the project is

FAMILY MINISTRY CONCENTRATION

Each summer two courses in the Family Ministry Concentration are offered back-to-back as one-week intensives.

RLED755 (3)

Introduces the scope and mission of family life education and develops teaching methodologies and behavioral change strategies for use within congregations and within training seminars for growing healthy families.

RLED757 (2)

CHMN765 (8)

Builds on a knowledge of youth ministry and advances to a greater depth in such areas as: understanding youth culture, youth evangelism, small groups in youth ministry, sexuality, music, camping, short-term mission, writing grant proposals, risk management, contemporary worship, and reclaiming missing youth.

OTHER MODULES

CHMN710 (8)

A study of theological principles that undergird worship practices, a review and evaluation of worship forms from the traditional to the contemporary, and the integration of theology, preaching, worship, and music in a way that leads to worship renewal.

CHMN717 (8)

This course offers advanced theoretical and practical knowledge regarding pastoral counseling. Students will learn specialized approaches for church members and their families in various stages of their family life cycle. Participants also examine and construct new family ministries.

CHMN718 (8)

An advanced course in the theology, theory and practice of contemporary preaching aimed at helping experienced pastors present more effective sermons as part of worship. A “lab” component offers opportunities to try new ideas and approaches under the guidance of skilled practitioners.

CHMN741 (8)

For the professional military chaplain attending an Air Force, Army, or Navy advanced or senior chaplain course. Studies include the supervision of chaplaincy teams and integration of chaplaincy ministry with the military staff. Prerequisites exist and contact hours are supplemented by additional course work. Counts as transfer credit.

CHMN749 (8)

A study of biblical and practical teachings on the equipping and motivation of church members for ministry. The church becomes a powerful soul-winning agency when the people of God are empowered to minister according to their gifts and calling.

CHMN757 (8)

Advanced-level instruction and practice in pastoral ministry to persons in crisis, to institutional staff, and to those facing ethical issues such as abortion and termination of life support. Initial CPE training and graduate course work in counseling are prerequisites. Counts as transfer credit. Graded as S/U.

Religious Education

Jane Thayer, *Director*

MISSION

The Religious Education Programs prepare men and women to fulfill the teaching and discipling mandates of the gospel commission.

PROGRAMS

The Religious Education programs offer studies leading to the Master of Arts: Religious Education degree and the Doctor of Philosophy: Religious Education degree. Each graduate will have a biblical knowledge base, an understanding of Christian spiritual formation and nurture, and pedagogical skills to serve in a specialized area of teaching ministry for either the formal (school) or non-formal (church and family) setting.