**doctor of ministry**

The Doctor of Ministry is a practical, professional degree program that enables individuals to reflect critically upon their vocations, engage in rigorous theological reflection and advanced learning experiences, and grow in ministry competence. The program is centered around a praxis model of theological reflection that stresses the continual interaction of the biblical, theological, and historical disciplines of inquiry with the practical application of those disciplines in ministry.

**outcomes**

The Doctor of Ministry program is designed for the continuing development of persons who have exhibited exceptional leadership and academic ability. It is designed to help students:

- Demonstrate an understanding of self in relationship to their ministry context as they engage in theological, practical, and critical reflection;

- Demonstrate high level integration of knowledge, character, and ability specific to their ministry context;

- Articulate the biblical/theological foundation and framework for their particular ministry context and practice;

- Articulate the sociological and cultural realities that impact their particular ministry context and practice and how they address them;

- Be able to explore and present new knowledge about the practice of ministry in their particular ministry context.

**about the program**

The Doctor of Ministry is designed for students seeking to engage in a program that is based primarily in context. Students progress toward outcome based maturity under the supervision of a mentor team, by the direction of faculty, and through participation in a cohort-based community of learning. The program is comprised of consists of an entry course, three integration intensives on campus in Sioux Falls, two directed learning experiences, a final project/thesis, and a completion course.

**Partnership Option:** Students who have a very specific focus in mind for their degree may develop hyper-focused directed learning experiences by working with a partner ministry organization. A few partnership areas include spiritual transformation, pastoral psychoanalysis, missional theology, and missional leadership.

**admissions requirements**

- Completion of a Master of Divinity degree (or its equivalent) with a B average or higher from a school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (or an equivalent accrediting body outside of the United States or Canada)

- Three years of ministry experience after completion of the master’s degree program

- Active engagement in a ministry setting

- Completion of all application materials

- Approval of the Doctor of Ministry Committee

Students not meeting all requirements may be eligible for a provisional acceptance if additional criteria are met. Contact Enrollment Management for more details.
integration intensives
Students are required to attend three integration intensive weeks, plus an extra day. As needed, the foundations and research seminars and biblical and theological foundations for ministry will be offered during each on-campus Kairos Project intensive week (October and April). Each of these courses will cover core elements throughout the week, in addition to pre-intensive and post-intensive assignments.

program completion
Students are admitted to candidacy upon approval of their final project prospectus. During the candidacy phase, students work with their mentor team to complete the final project. Upon completion, candidates have a final competency evaluation before receiving approval for graduation. Students are expected to complete all program requirements within six years of initial enrollment into the program.

participation in a cohort-based community of learning
Each entering group of Kairos Project students will remain united as a cohort. Students will attend the same intensives, meet in recurring student groups, and experience educational life together.

outcome-based christian maturity
The Kairos Project is thoroughly oriented toward outcomes, which are integrated learning goals representing critical features of Christian fullness. Each degree program has prescribed learning outcomes. Everything within a program moves toward achieving the major markers of maturity. Assignments do not exist for their own sake but as ways to quantify demonstrable movement toward the outcomes.

mentor teams
Students are under the supervision of a mentor team that journeys with them throughout their studies. The team is comprised of a faculty mentor, a ministry mentor, and a personal mentor. Mentors should encourage mentees and help them process life. However, their principal role is to evaluate progress toward the program outcomes as well as approving the prospectus for the final project/thesis as well as the final project/thesis itself.

course of study

| Program Entry | 3 |
| Integration Intensives | 12 |
| Foundations Seminar | 4 |
| Biblical & Theological Foundations | 4 |
| Research Seminar | 4 |
| Directed Learning Experiences | 12 |
| Directed Learning Experience I | 6 |
| Directed Learning Experience II | 6 |
| Candidacy Phase | 6 |
| Final Project/Thesis | 6 |
| Program Completion | 3 |
| Outcome Next | 3 |

Total Credit Hours | 36

typical sequence

Outcome Zero
First Year
Foundations Seminar (in Sioux Falls)
Directed Learning Experiences I
Second Year
Biblical and Theological Reflection (in Sioux Falls)
Directed Learning Experiences II
Third Year
Final Project Seminar (in Sioux Falls)
Research, thesis project work, and writing
Fourth Year
Remaining writing and thesis project work
Presentation of final project
Outcome Next
Graduation in May (in Sioux Falls)

getting started
Upon acceptance into the program, students will work with the Office of Enrollment Management to begin the orientation process through the self-paced Outcome Zero course. Students can begin at any time. The course covers the essentials, providing an orientation to the seminary and the Doctor of Ministry program. Once students successfully complete the course work, they are ready to participate in their first integration intensive and begin work with their mentor team.

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