

# School of Theology and Ministry

## Doctor of Ministry

### Application Instructions and Procedures

All application materials must be received by the application deadline to receive full consideration. For application deadlines and entry terms, refer to the [priority deadlines](#). *International applicants and those with international transcripts should consult the [International Requirements Page](#), for deadlines and other requirements, as they may differ.*

- A completed application form with a non-refundable \$55 application fee. Fee waived for Seattle University alumni.
- Master of Divinity or its equivalent from an accredited institution. Equivalency and substitutions determined at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. Ministerial experience is not considered an equivalent of, or substitute for, the MDiv degree.
- Résumé reflecting a minimum of three years of full-time, professional ministerial experience following completion of the MDiv degree or its equivalent, and demonstrated capacity to conduct discipline appropriate research.
- Official transcripts of all graduate-level coursework, reflecting minimum grade point average of 3.0 cumulative, on a scale of 4.0.
- Two recommendations that attest to the applicant's religious, moral and intellectual qualifications for ministry. One recommender must: A) be someone who is qualified to attest to the applicant's academic ability; B) be from a person who knows the quality of the applicant's pastoral ministry/ leadership. (Note: Recommendation forms are provided electronically through the application.)
- Autobiographical statement (5-8 pages) including:
  - a) A three to five page account of your life. Include important events and relationships, highlighting the influence of these on your development (3-5 pages).
  - b) Give a brief statement (2-3 pages) of your impressions of the program and your expectations of it. Include a description of why you want to pursue this degree, what professional skills and understandings you seek, and areas of personal growth most important to you.
  - c) List and describe any major ministry or church-related experiences, formal or informal education (workshops, institutes, readings), and volunteer experience not highlighted on your resume. Note whether the experiences were part-time or full-time.
- For those currently enrolled in the Post-master's Certificate in Pastoral Leadership: An interview will be scheduled with the Director of the DMin to chart a course for completion of the PMC-PL and the DMin in March or April of the certificate program.
- Applicants for whom English is a non-native language must demonstrate English proficiency regardless of English language studies, residence in the United States or an English-speaking country,

or immigration status. Graduate applicants with a baccalaureate or higher degrees from recognized colleges in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia and who have continued to reside in countries where English is the primary language for at least two years prior to applying to Seattle University will have this requirement waived. English proficiency may be met with an official TOEFL score of 92 (IBT), or 580 (PBT); the IELTS exam with a minimum score of 7.0; PTE score of 63.

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