

DMin: Doctor of Ministry

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Doctor of Ministry program is to provide structured, rigorous, advanced training in ministry by equipping students 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.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Doctor of Ministry program offers a professional degree for people who seek advanced competencies in evangelism,

The approach of the dissertation is normally developmental with formative evaluation. The dissertation should be developed in close consultation with the student's adviser. Regulations governing the style and format of the dissertation are found in *Andrews University Standards for Written Work*.

- During the semesters immediately following the completion of the curricular program, candidates must register for GSEM796 (2-6 credits) until the full six credits are completed. If the dissertation is still in progress after this time, the student must register for GSEM788 DMin Dissertation Continuation (0 cr) and pay the doctoral dissertation continuation fee for each additional semester.
- Students must pass an oral defense of the dissertation designed to test the candidate's ability to integrate learning and the practice of ministry. The defense must be successfully completed no later than four weeks prior to graduation.

Time Limits. DMin students must complete the course work and successfully defend the dissertation within six years from the time they begin course work. In special circumstances and upon written request, extensions may be granted for no more than an additional year.

Dissertation Process. For a detailed outline of the DMin dissertation process, students should see the Guidelines for the Doctor of Ministry Dissertation. A copy of this document is provided to students during the GSEM790 intensive. It can also be obtained from the Doctor of Ministry office.

Academic Supervision. The director of the DMin program acts as curriculum supervisor. The dissertation adviser and a second reader are chosen by the student in consultation with the program director. Students should work closely with these persons to complete the dissertation.

Courses

