

TRUETT

George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry
Application for Admission



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WELCOME

"We must keep faithfully and practically in mind our primary task of evangelism... This work takes precedence of all other work in the Christian program."

George W. Truett

Dear Colleague in Ministry:

I am delighted to learn of your interest in the Doctor of Ministry program offered at Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary. The DMin degree program is the capstone degree for those who hold the MDiv degree and are engaged in ministry. It will be a milestone in the development of your ministry.

Designed to build on your experience, Truett's DMin is solid in its structure and flexible in its ability to enhance your ministry. In keeping with Truett Seminary's distinctive history and God-given mission, this degree will focus on spiritual formation, deeper theological and biblical understanding, and practical ministry. It is designed to integrate academic study and competency in pastoral analysis and ministerial skills into a theologically reflective practice of ministry. It will involve peer learning and evaluation as well as self-directed learning experiences.

I commend your dedication and willingness to sacrifice for the cause of Christ through this process of honing mind and heart. Please know of my commitment and that of the Truett Seminary faculty to make your journey toward the Doctor of Ministry degree a rich spiritual, educational and professional experience.

Sincerely,



David E. Garland
Dean

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Doctor of Ministry Program

The Doctor of Ministry degree program at George W. Truett Theological Seminary is designed as a path toward excellence and maximum effectiveness in ministry. The DMin journey offers learning and mentoring opportunities for each participant to move toward the full development of ministry gifts and skills. The learning events and environments at Truett are designed and shaped by faculty and guest practitioners prepared to guide you toward fulfilling your potential in ministry.

As a member of a Truett DMin cohort you will join other experienced ministers and missionaries in seminars and spiritual formation experiences designed to challenge and encourage you into meaningful and significant growth. You will be challenged by the expectation that you will integrate the gleanings of rigorous scholarship with the most effective ministry practices. Your individual study and the mutuality of a cohort of learners journeying together makes the Truett DMin experience a rich and rewarding endeavor.

Program Overview

Residency requirements at Baylor University for the DMin are met through four foundational seminars — each for two successive weeks (fall, spring and two successive summers). Truett faculty members will join accomplished practitioners to lead the seminars and workshops. Students will also participate in an extensive reading and learning event sequence in the individual guided study segment of the program, designed for completion during the second year. This segment will allow for growth in chosen areas of competency, and will prepare the researcher for the culminating project. Doctor of Ministry students have full access to the academic and research resources of Baylor University, especially during the final phase of the program.

Doctor of Ministry Core Seminars

DMIN 7310 — *Ministry & Spiritual Formation Research Skills (fall)*

Provides updating, enrichment and increased competency in the research skills necessary to continue lifelong study and effective involvement in the areas of Christian ministry and spiritual formation.

DMIN 7320 — *Proclamation: Biblical & Theological Studies (spring)*

Provides updating, enrichment and increased competency in biblical interpretation, theological reflection and preaching.

DMIN 7330 — *Church Leadership Values & Methods (summer 1)*

Provides updating, enrichment and increased competency in the principles and ethics of church leadership in light of biblical precepts and contemporary leadership theory. Students will engage in analysis of the dynamics of congregational life and mission and will propose innovative and creative application of servant leadership.

DMIN 7340 — *Church in the World (summer 2)*

Consolidates awareness and provides an understanding of the social environment and biblical admonitions related to legal, financial and ethical issues in the ministry. This will be an interdisciplinary seminar calling on the expertise of a variety of professionals.

Individual Guided Study Program

The program of Individual Guided Study provides a means for the candidate to meet the academic concentration requirement. All Guided Studies activities are to be in the candidate's selected concentration:

- Preaching and Biblical Exegesis
- Spiritual Formation
- Church and Culture
- Church Leadership
- Missions, Evangelism and Church Planting
- Baptist Identity
- Worship

The Ministry Project

The Doctor of Ministry Culminating Project and Report will require the minister as a researcher to design, implement and test a new approach to ministry and/or missional strategies and practices. The project must exhibit scholarly biblical study and theological reflection to establish a foundational rationale for the approach to ministry. The project must be done in the context of ministry or missions in which the researcher is fully invested, and the report must be written and defended under the supervision of a faculty member and doctoral committee.

INFORMATION FOR ADMISSION

George W. Truett Theological Seminary

We are pleased that you are interested in pursuing the DMin program at Baylor University's Truett Seminary. Please note that application files will not be processed until complete.

Admission

To receive admission to the DMin program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Submit application with the \$25 application fee.
- Earned MDiv or its educational equivalent from an accredited seminary.
- Achieved at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Completed a minimum of three years in ministry since completion of the MDiv or equivalent degree to the satisfaction of the Doctor of Ministry Committee.
- Submit an "Entering Essay" of no more than 10 pages based on an assigned case study to demonstrate the ability to write effectively and to think theologically in context.
- Submit a "Personal Summary" of no more than 12 pages consisting of time-use habits; reading habits, including the titles of materials read in the last year and of books that have most influenced your life and ministry; theological understanding of ministry; and appropriateness of your vocational goal in relation to the program.
- Submit a written account of a pastoral care counseling experience.
- Submit four letters of reference with at least one letter from a former professor during MDiv work.
- Submit a letter of endorsement from the candidate's current church or the "Church Recommendation form"
- Have a personal interview on the Baylor campus with the DMin Committee. If the candidate is married, this interview shall include the spouse.

Final approval for admission to the DMin program is given by the Doctor of Ministry Committee, the faculty and the dean.

Applicants who receive notice of admission to the DMin program must indicate to the DMin program director within 30 days whether or not they intend to accept that admission.

Housing and Additional Information

For information concerning housing, contact the DMin office at Truett. To receive any additional information about Truett Seminary, call (254) 710-6096 or 1-800-BAYLOR-U, option 5.

Address written correspondence to:

Doctor of Ministry Program
George W. Truett Theological Seminary
Baylor University
One Bear Place #97126
Waco, TX 76798-7126

Other means of contacting Truett are:

Fax: (254) 710-3753
Internet: www.baylor.edu/truett/dmin
E-mail: truett_dmin@baylor.edu

International Students

If you are an international student, please contact the Admissions Office and request additional international DMin application materials.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Doctor of Ministry Program

Please print clearly or type. Remember that an application requires a \$25 non-refundable fee. Applications will not be processed without this fee.

Applicant Data

U.S. Social Security Number: _____

Full Legal Name: _____

Maiden or Other Names: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Tel. (with area code): _____ Work Tel. (with area code): _____

E-mail: _____ Religious/Denominational affiliation: _____

Current Ministry Responsibility: _____

Academic Data

Are you a former Baylor student? Yes, Years(s): _____ No

Have you previously applied to Truett Theological Seminary? Yes, Years(s): _____ No

Expected enrollment date: Fall Year _____ (Note: The DMin program begins each fall.)

Desired DMin concentration (see page 3 for a list of concentrations): _____

Please list all colleges and universities attended, beginning with the most recent.

*An official transcript of your academic record **must** be sent by the registrar of each institution of higher education previously attended. Transcripts for former Baylor students are on file in Academic Records and will be requested by the Seminary.*

Name of Institution	Location	Attendance Dates	Major	Degree or # of hours	Degree Date	GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Work Experience

List employment and military service. Omit summer and part-time work unless directly relevant to your educational goals.

Employer	Location	Inclusive Dates	Type and Level of Work
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

References

Ask four persons who know your qualifications to write recommendations on your behalf using the recommendation forms in this booklet.

List the names and addresses of your references in the spaces below. After completing the information at the top of each form, provide each respondent with the form and a stamped envelope addressed to the Seminary. Forms can also be downloaded at www.baylor.edu/truett/dmin.

Respondents should send recommendations to the Seminary.

Name and Position	Address and Phone
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

I certify that the information given in this application is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Baylor University complies with all applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws and does not engage in prohibited discrimination on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or handicap.

Optional Information*

* This information is not used by the University in the admission decision process. This data is used for statistical reporting to the Association of Theological Schools and for seminary use.

Gender: Male Female Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Marital Status: Married Single Divorced
MONTH DAY YEAR

Name of Spouse: _____ Date of Marriage: _____ / _____ / _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

Ethnic Background (check one): African American/Black Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian Hispanic
 Native American/Alaskan Other (Specify): _____

Medical History

STUDENT COMPLETES

HAVE YOU HAD?	Y	N	HAVE YOU HAD?	Y	N	HAVE YOU HAD?	Y	N	HAVE YOU HAD?	Y	N
Allergy:			Cancer			Hepatitis			Recurrent Diarrhea		
Penicillin			Chicken Pox			Hernia			Recurrent Headaches		
Sulfa			Chronic Cough			High or Low Blood Pressure			Scarlet Fever		
Codeine			Diabetes			Infectious Mononucleosis			Seizures/Blackouts		
Aspirin			Dizziness, Fainting			Irregular Sleep Patterns			Shortness of Breath		
Wasp/Bee Stings			Ear, Nose, Throat Trouble			Kidney/Bladder Disease			Sinusitis		
Foods (which)			Eating Disorder			Measles (Rubeola)			Stomach Trouble		
Other Allergies			Epilepsy			Menstrual Disorder			Surgery:		
			Eye Trouble			Mumps			Appendectomy		
Appendicitis			Frequent Anxiety			Nervous Breakdown			Tonsillectomy		
Arthritis			Frequent Depression			Pain/Pressure in Chest			Hernia Repair		
Asthma			German Measles (Rubella)			Peptic Ulcer			Other Surgeries:		
Back Injury			Head Injury			Polio					
Bleeding Disorder			Hearing Difficulty			Recent Weight Change			Tuberculosis		
Bone or Joint Disease			Heart Trouble			Recurrent Colds			Veneral Disease		
Have you received treatment or counseling for a nervous condition, personality or character disorder, or emotional problem? Please provide details.											

Physical Examination

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER COMPLETES

ALL FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, NOT REQUIRED FOR PART-TIME OR GRADUATE LEVEL STUDENTS											
Temperature _____ Blood Pressure _____ Pulse _____ Height _____ Weight _____											
Vision: (WITHOUT GLASSES) Right _____ Left _____ Vision: (WITH GLASSES) Right _____ Left _____ Hearing: Right _____ Left _____											
CHECK-Normal	Y	N	CHECK-Normal	Y	N	CHECK-Normal	Y	N	If answer is "No", explain below:		
Development			Tonsils			Abdomen					
Posture			Neck			Genitalia					
Skin			Thyroid			Upper Extremity					
Ears			Chest			Lower Extremity					
Eyes			Heart			Bones and joints					
Nose			Lungs			Feet					
Mouth			Breasts								
Routine Urinalysis _____ Albumin _____ Sugar _____ Microscopic _____											
1. Current medications (Please list): _____											
2. Activity limitations? _____											
3. Is patient ready to undertake college activities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No", please explain. _____											
Comments: _____											
Signed: _____ Date: _____											
PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE											
Address: _____ Telephone (with area code): _____											

RECOMMENDATION

Form 1

TO THE APPLICANT:

Following completion of this section, submit this form to the recommender with an envelope addressed to Doctor of Ministry Office, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, One Bear Place #97126, Waco, TX 76798-7126.

Application for the Fall Year _____ (Note: The DMin program begins each fall.)

U.S. Social Security Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Tel. (with area code): _____ Work Tel. (with area code): _____

I waive I do not waive all future rights to review this form once submitted to Truett Seminary and agree to respect the confidentiality of the remarks made by you.

Signature of Applicant: _____

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Please complete the following:

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____ Years _____ Months

2. How well do you know the applicant? Casually Well Very Well

3. Describe the applicant's involvement in the local church: _____

4. Please make comments below, or write a letter commenting on any of the following areas you have had an opportunity to observe:

4.1 Christian commitment _____

4.2 Integrity and responsibility _____

4.3 Leadership qualities and style _____

4.4 Persistence _____

4.5 Capability for effectiveness in ministry _____

4.6 Speaking skills _____

4.7 Research/study skills _____

4.8 Applicant's motives for pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree _____

Please print

Recommender's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Business Address: _____

Professional Title: _____

Institution or Organization: _____

Tel. (with area code): _____ Fax. (with area code): _____

Email: _____

RECOMMENDATION

Form 2

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Form 3

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Business Address: _____

Professional Title: _____

Institution or Organization: _____

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Email: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Business Address: _____

Professional Title: _____

Institution or Organization: _____

Tel. (with area code): _____ Fax. (with area code): _____

Email: _____

CHURCH RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Information

U.S. Social Security Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Church Information

Name of Church: _____

Association / Area: _____

Mailing Address: _____
PO BOX / NUMBER AND STREET *CITY* *STATE* *ZIP*

Signature _____
PASTOR

Signature _____
CHURCH CLERK

Please attach a letter of recommendation / certification that has been read to and approved by the congregation on _____
DATE



DOCTOR OF MINISTRY SEQUENCE

Fall 1	DMIN 7310 Research for Ministry and Spiritual Formation (3 hrs) DMIN 7190 Directed Study: Introduction to Guided Study Methodology (1 hr)
Spring 1	DMIN 7320 Proclamation: Biblical and Theological Studies (3 hrs) DMIN 7190 Directed Study: Individual Guided Study I (1 hr)
Summer 1	DMIN 7330 Church Leadership Values and Methods (3 hrs) DMIN 7190 Directed Study: Individual Guided Study II (1 hr)
Fall 2	DMIN 7392 Directed Study: Advanced Individual Guided Study I (3 hrs)
Spring 2	DMIN 7392 Directed Study: Advanced Individual Guided Study II (3 hrs)
Summer 2	DMIN 7340 The Church in the World (3 hrs) DMIN 7392 Directed Study: Advanced Individual Guided Study III (3 hrs)
Fall 3	DMIN 7V99 Doctor of Ministry Project (3 hrs)
Spring 3	DMIN 7V99 Doctor of Ministry Project (3 hrs)

Total 30 Hours

FACULTY

Andrew Arterbury, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Christian Scriptures. (2007)

B.A., Baylor U.; M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary; M.T., *ibid*; Ph.D., Baylor University.

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B.A., Baylor U.; M.Div., George W. Truett Theological Seminary; Th.M., Princeton Theological Seminary; M.Phil., Drew University; Ph.D., *ibid*.

Ronald L. Cook, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Christian Scriptures and Director, Doctor of Ministry Program. (2001)

B.A., Baylor U.; M.Div., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., *ibid*.

David E. Garland, Ph.D., Dean, Professor of Christian Scriptures, and holder of the William M. Hinson Chair of Christian Scriptures. (1997)

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W. Hulitt Gloer, Ph.D., Professor of Preaching and Christian Scriptures, Director of The Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching and holder of the David E. Garland Chair of Preaching. (2000)

B.A., Baylor U.; M.Div., Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Joel C. Gregory, Ph.D., Professor of Preaching. (2005)

B.A. Baylor U.; M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Baylor U.

William B. Hair III, M.L.S., Associate Dean/Director, University Libraries. (1994)

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Lai Ling Elizabeth Ngan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Christian Scriptures. (1996)

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Roger E. Olson, Ph.D., Professor of Theology. (1999)

B.S., Open Bible College; M.A. Religious Studies, North American Baptist Seminary; M.A., Rice U.; Ph.D., *ibid*.

Levi W. Price, Jr., D.Min., Professor of Christian Ministries and Director of Pastoral Ministries. (2002)

B.A. Baylor U.; M.Div., Golden Gate Theology Seminary; D.Min., *ibid*.

Paul F. Sands, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology. (2006)

B.S. Louisiana State U.; M.A., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.; Ph.D., Baylor U.

Todd D. Still, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Christian Scriptures. (2003)

B.A., Baylor U.; M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., U of Glasgow.

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Betty Talbert, Ph.D., Lecturer and Director of Spiritual Formation. (1996)
B.A. Vanderbilt U.; M.A., *ibid*; Ph.D., U of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

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B.A. Ouachita Baptist U.; M.Div., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ed.S., U of Louisville;
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Joel A. Weaver, Ph.D., Lecturer in Theology. (2002)
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Terry W. York, D.M.A., Associate Professor of Christian Ministry and Church Music. (1998)
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