



Hello Sisters and Brothers in the Journey of Christian Ministry!

We are delighted by your interest to take the next step in ministry in pursuit of your Doctor of Ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary! It is our hope that you will join our community of theological inquiry, leadership development, and formation for ministry in the service of Jesus Christ. We believe that doctoral education for pastors and other ministry leaders is a sacred calling to enhance your knowledge, skills, and leadership capacities for the communities that you are called to serve. This packet is designed to answer some of your pressing questions as you begin the application process.

Our application can be found on our website, [www.CTSnet.edu](http://www.CTSnet.edu) and our application eligibility includes all of the following:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- A Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree from an Association of Theological Schools (ATS) accredited institution
- A cumulative grade point average of honors level (B average or higher)
- Ordinarily, three years of experience in ministry after your completion of the Master of Divinity degree.

Your Doctor of Ministry candidacy will begin with an introductory seminar, where seasoned and highly esteemed faculty members will lead you on a personal pilgrimage of ministry analysis, theological reflection and personal growth. You will then work with your academic advisor to develop a course of study which broadens you theologically, informs your present ministry praxis, enhances your leadership skills and contributes to your final project research.

The Doctor of Ministry program typically has a four-year timeline and is a professional degree, designed to accommodate the busy ministry leader and working adult. We provide on-site, hybrid and online courses so that you can decide how to pursue your DMin experience. In this packet, you will find, a suggested program timeline, program concentrations, a schedule of upcoming introductory seminars and a tuition and fee listing. Please feel free to call or email us should any questions arise. We believe that Columbia Theological Seminary offers one of the finest educational opportunities to build and enhance with excellence, the creative fashioning of your unique ministry and call. We look forward to receiving your application and personally welcoming you to the Columbia difference.

Yours in Christ,

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## DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM 4-YEAR TIMELINE (36 CREDITS)

<b>Year 1*</b>	<b>9 credits</b>
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Introductory Seminar – 3 credits	
One elective course** - 3 credits	
Faculty advisor assigned	
Intro to Research Methodology - 3 credits (can be year 1 or year 2)	
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>6 credits</b>
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Two elective courses – 3 credits each (6 total)	
Begin DMin Practicum:	
1. Practicum Proposal form approved	
2. Supervisor and peer group identified	
3. Practicum site approved	
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>12 credits</b>
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Two elective courses – 3 credits each (6 total)	
Practicum completed – 3 credits	
Project Proposal Workshop – 3 credits	
To begin final project, you must have in place:	
1. First reader	
2. Second reader approved	
3. Project Proposal form completed	
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>9 credits</b>
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Literature Review – 3 credits	
Final project – 6 credits	
Public presentation	
Final report	
Graduation	

\* The timeline begins with the term in which DMin students are accepted (students who are accepted to begin in a fall term have a September 1 start date; for Winter term, January 1; for Spring term, February 1; and for Summer term, July 1).

\*\* Students may opt to use one of their 5 electives to pursue independent study.



## CTS Doctor of Ministry Degree Concentrations

### Church & Ministry

#### *Equipping leaders for the ministry and mission of the local congregation*

Focusing on ministry with the local congregation, this DMin concentration of Church and Ministry offers students the opportunity to become more effective leaders for God's people. The program's collegial approach, with shared readings and critical reflection, encourages students to examine the setting and practice of their own ministries. The student's selection of electives and the direction of their research allow them to focus on an area of their own choosing, such as biblical studies, worship, preaching, pastoral care, or community ministry.

### Gospel, Culture & Transformation of the Church

#### *Equipping leaders for a new, more faithful church, reformed not through accommodation to contemporary culture, but through conversion*

Addressing a pervasive need in the church for a new paradigm for relating gospel and culture, this DMin program enables pastors and ministry leaders to engage the mission field of North American, postmodern, post-Christian societies. As students engage in disciplined cultural analysis, they will find that familiar biblical texts, doctrines, and ethics take on new meanings as they confront the challenges of today. And students will see the emergence of new readings of the church's situation and the human project alongside their own renewed and enlivened commitment to the theological truths.



# Advanced Professional Studies

## 2021 Schedule for Entering DMin/DEdMin Students

The Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Educational Ministry programs both begin with an Introductory Seminar specific to the degree and (if applicable) concentration.  
Refer to the information below for these start dates.

<i>DMin Introductory Seminars</i>	<i>DEdMin Introductory Seminar</i>
<p><i>Gospel, Culture, &amp; Transformation of the Church</i></p> <p><b>Application Deadline:</b> April 15, 2021</p> <p><b>Seminar Dates</b> July 26- August 6, 2021</p>	<p><i>DEdMin Cohort 9</i></p> <p><i>**New cohort begins every 2 years **</i></p> <p><b>Application Deadline:</b> April 15, 2022</p> <p><b>Seminar Dates</b> Fall Term, 2022</p>
<p><i>Church &amp; Ministry</i></p> <p><b>Application Deadline:</b> April 15, 2021</p> <p><b>Seminar Dates</b> September 13-19, 2021</p>	



# DMin and DEdMin Estimated Cost Breakdown

Using current rates, effective Summer 2021

**TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST (including all fees & tuition):  
\$16,321**

## FEES INCLUDE

- \$50 Application fee
- \$250 Entering Student fee
- \$640 Annual student fee (\$160/year for 4 years)
- \$35 Thesis binding fee for 1 copy
- \$200 Commencement fee

## COSTS OTHER THAN TUITION & FEES

The other basic categories of expense aside from tuition are travel, housing, meals, and books. These expenses vary greatly depending on how far students travel; whether they can stay with friends, family, or colleagues; if/how they commute during courses at CTS; etc.

### HOUSING

On-campus housing is available in the Harrington Center. The current rates are:

- \$83.16/night single occupancy
- \$106.92/night double occupancy
- \$92.88/night queen (bed) room

### MEALS

Students can cook for themselves in one of the two Harrington Center kitchens OR eat in the campus refectory, where meals are approximately:

- \$7.56 for breakfast
- \$9.29 for lunch
- \$10.37 for dinner

### BOOKS

The estimated cost of books per course is \$100, but the actual amount varies widely.

***Note: All fees and costs are subject to change***